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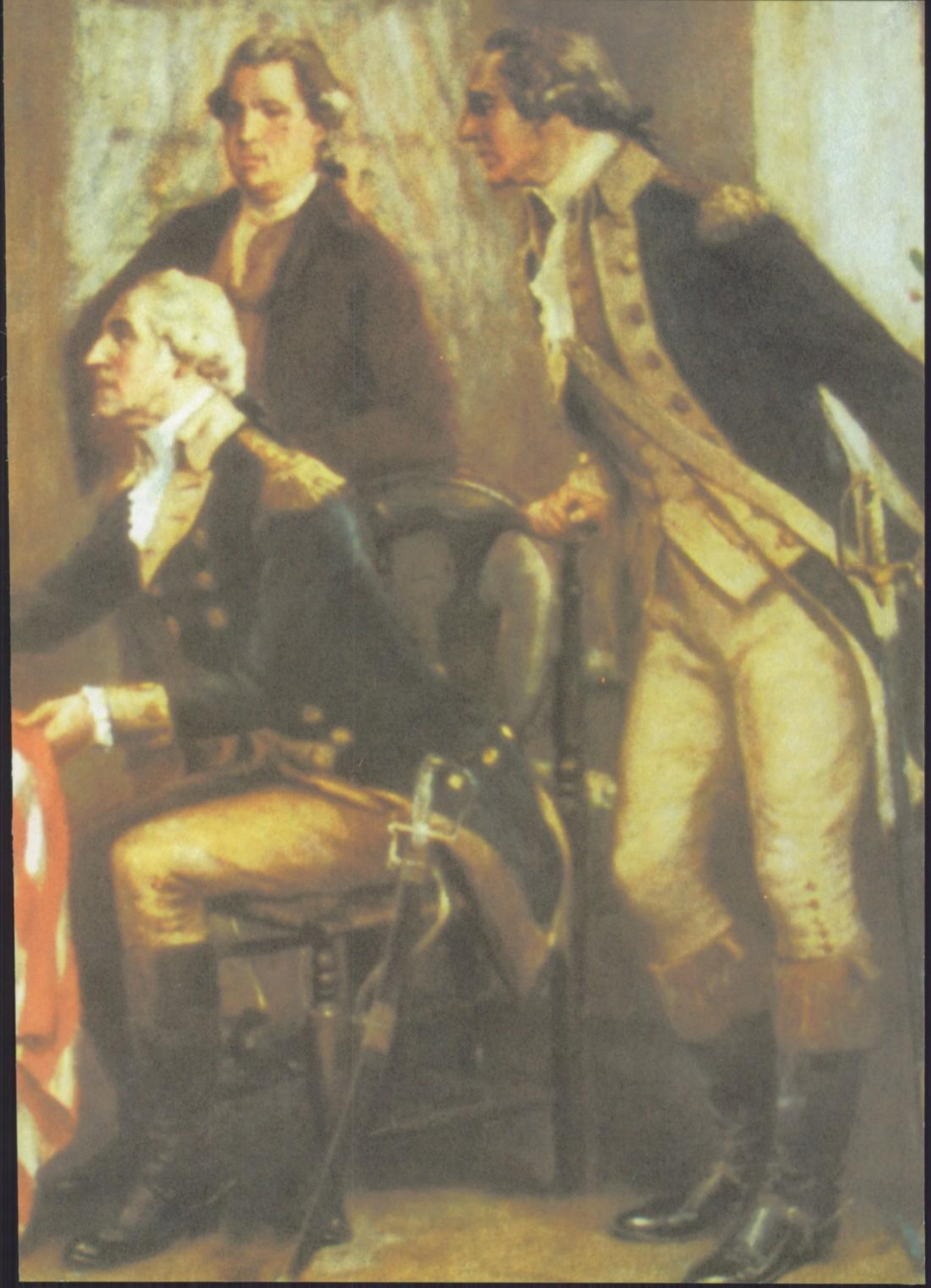

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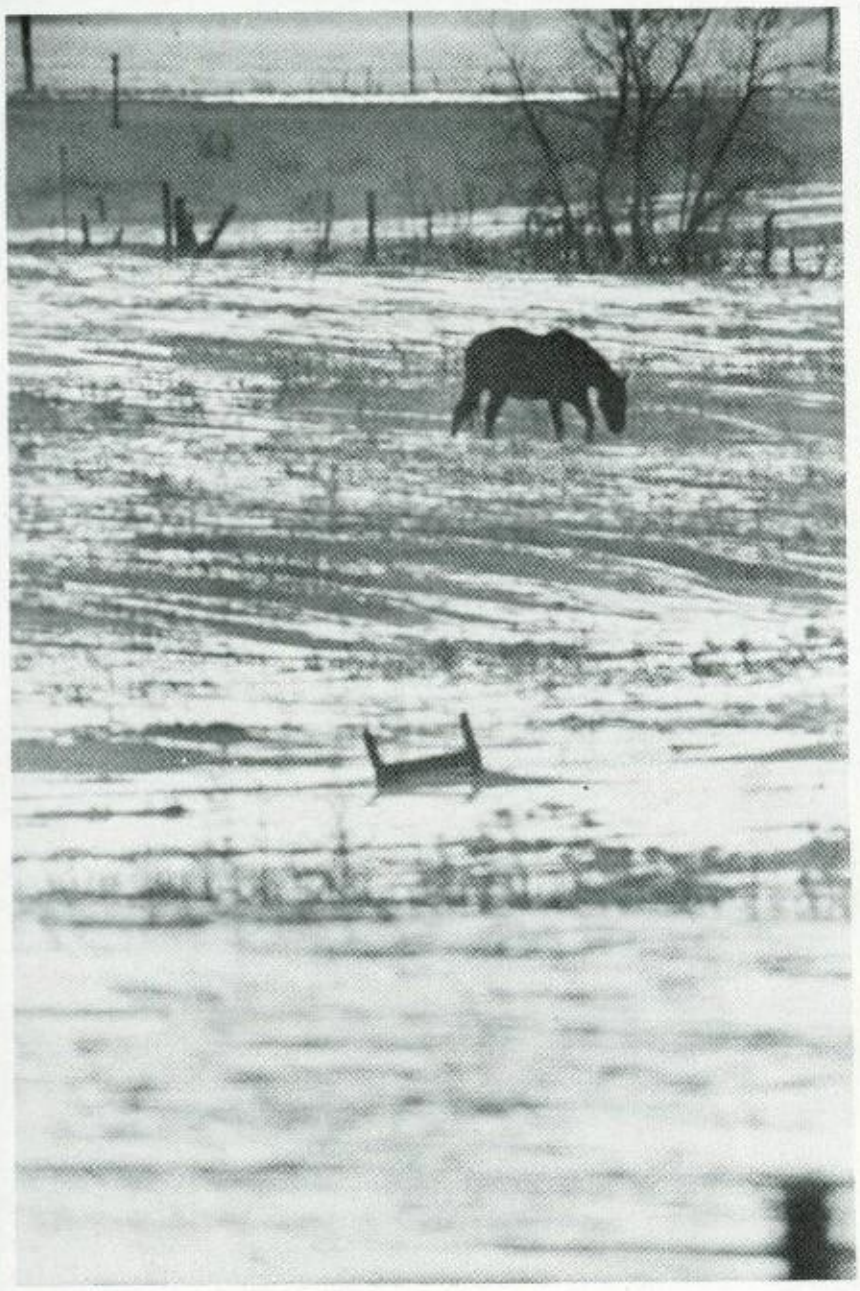

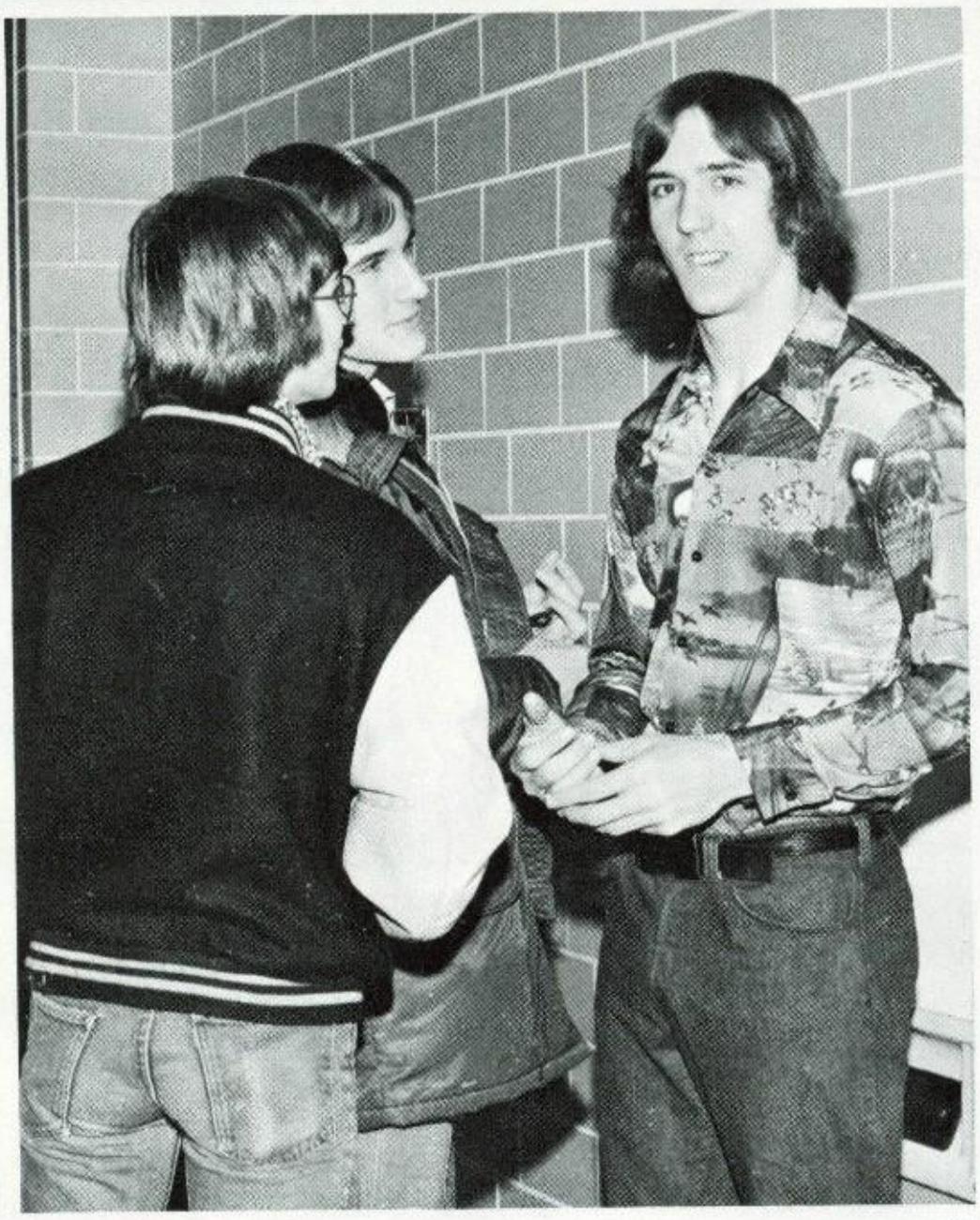

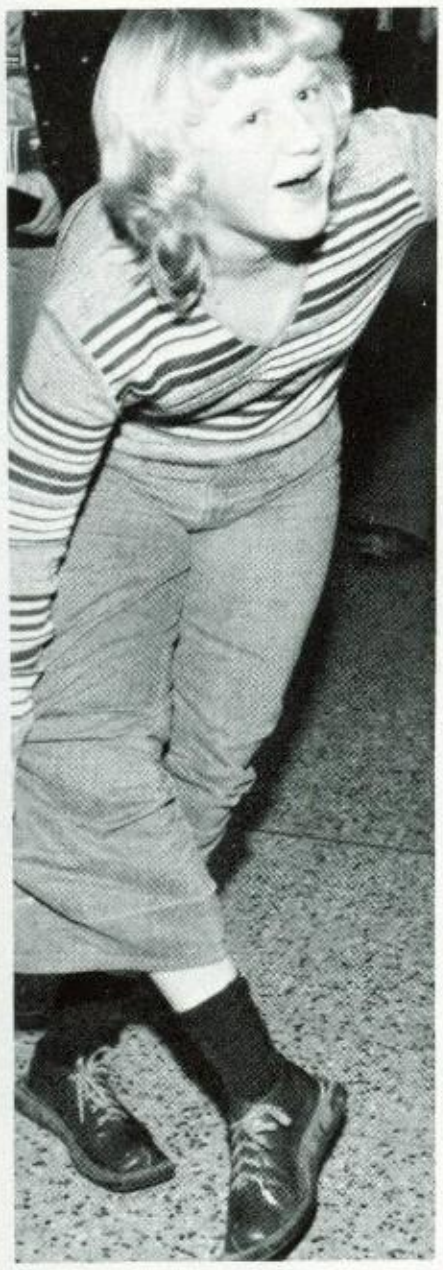

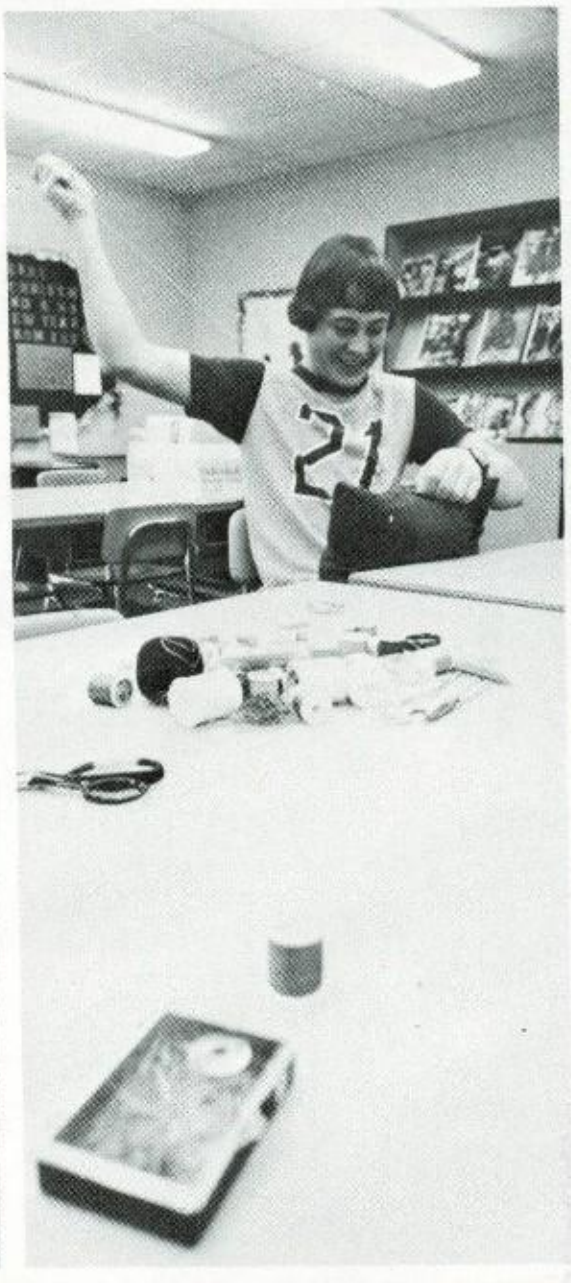

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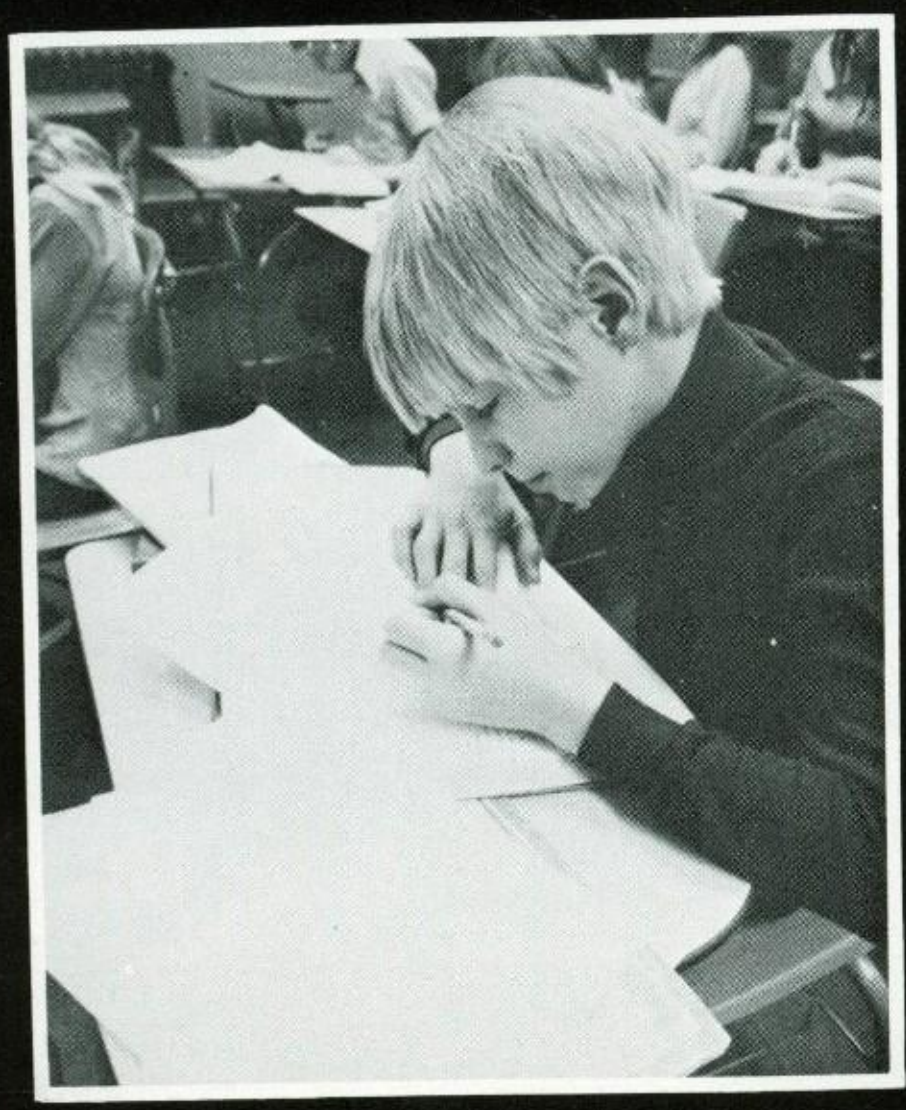
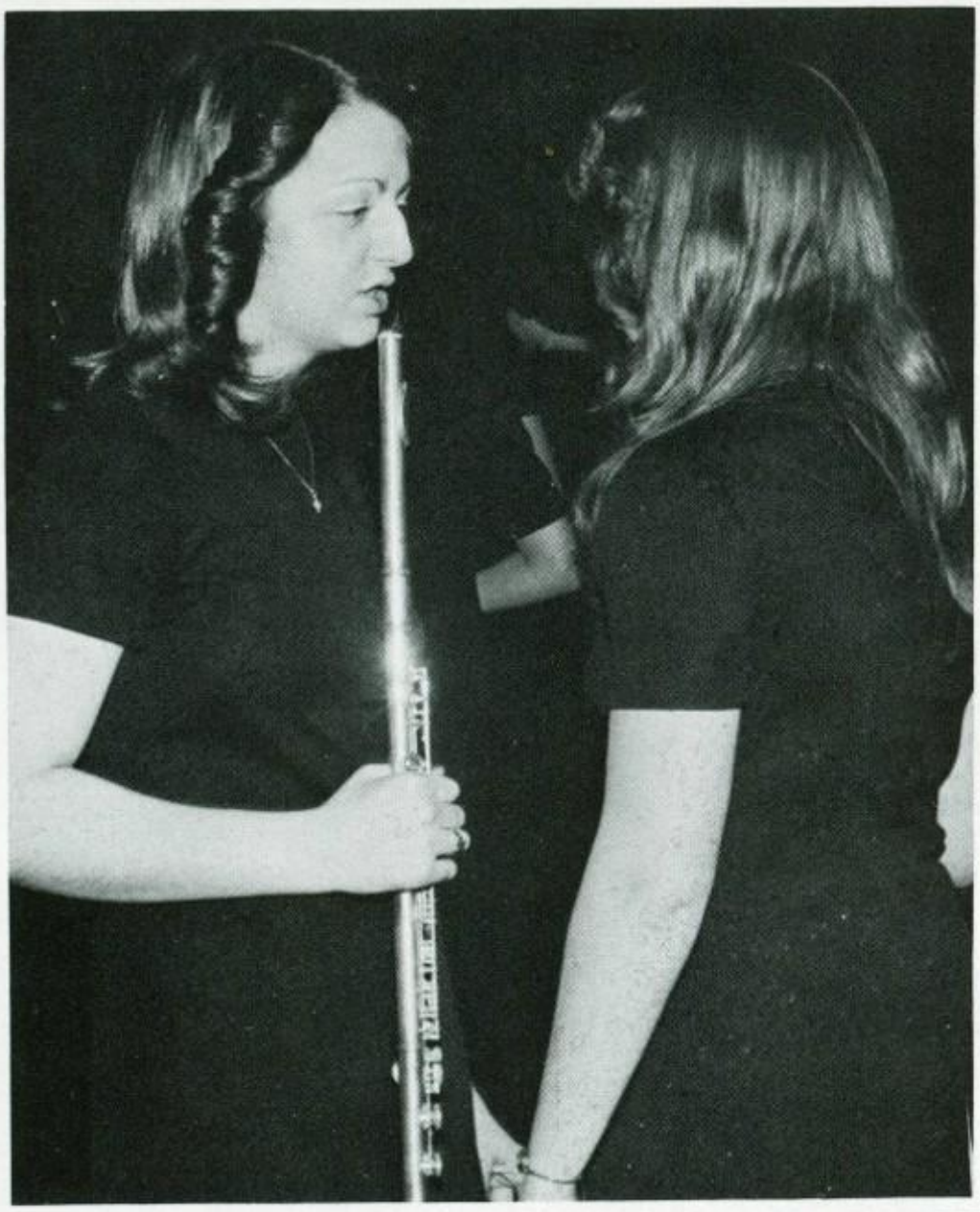
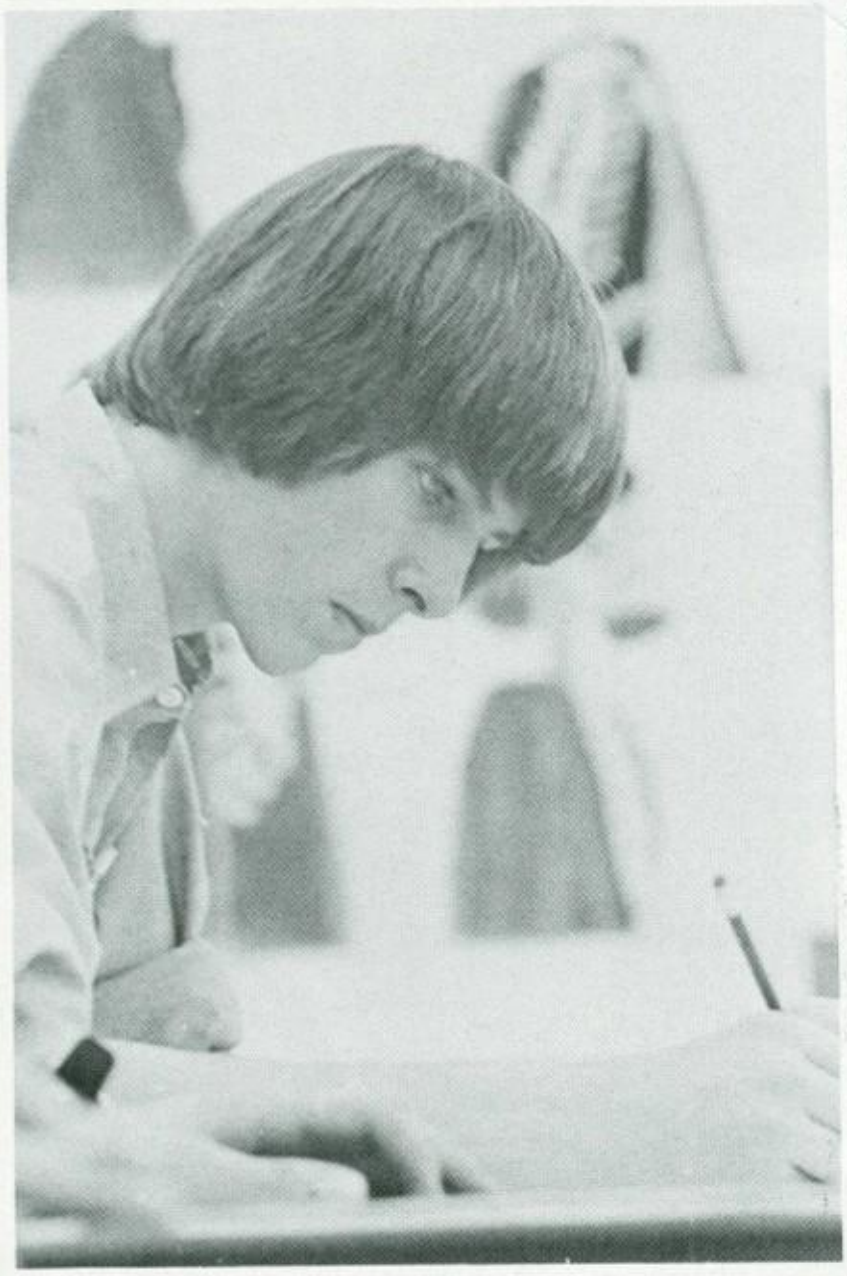


Memories of 1975-76 have been preserved, for you, in this book. Being a special year in the history of our nation, we felt that the occasion should be commemorated in the yearbook. Editors, Betty Eichler and Ruth Ann Weismantel assisted by Tami Breitkreutz and the 1976 Yearbook staff present to you...The Tiger 1976.



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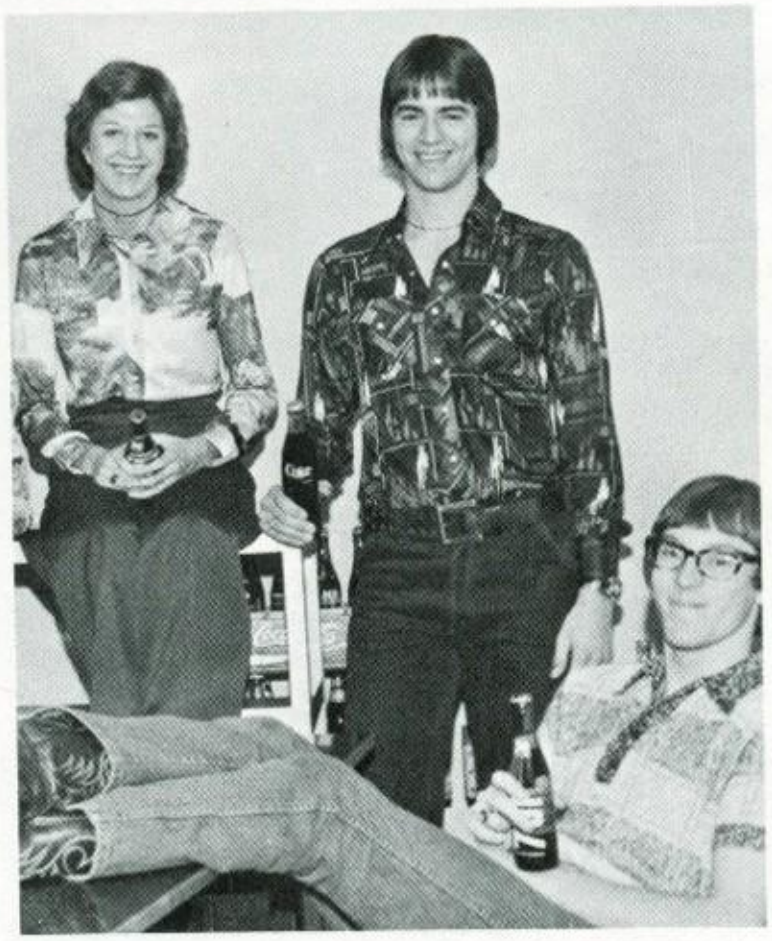

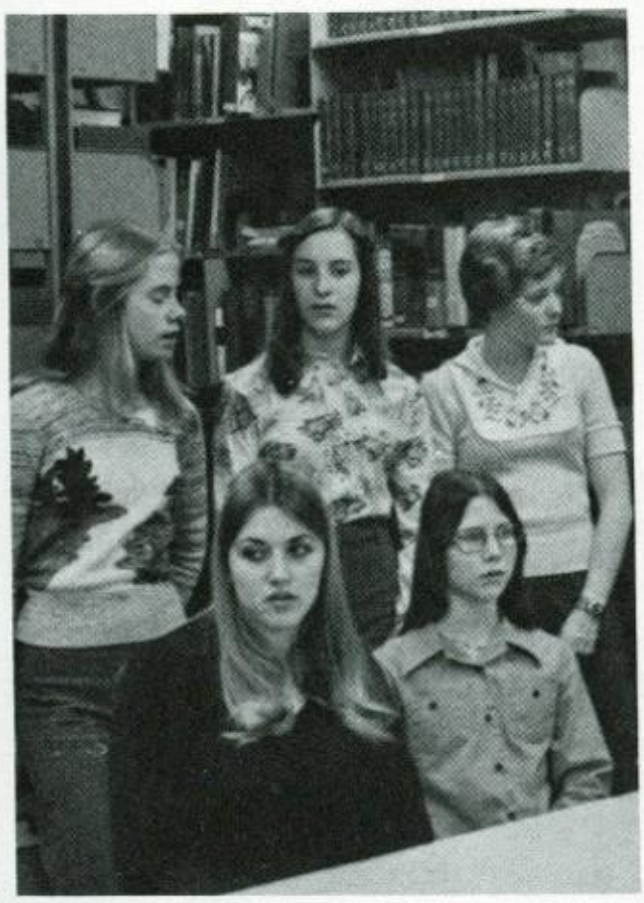

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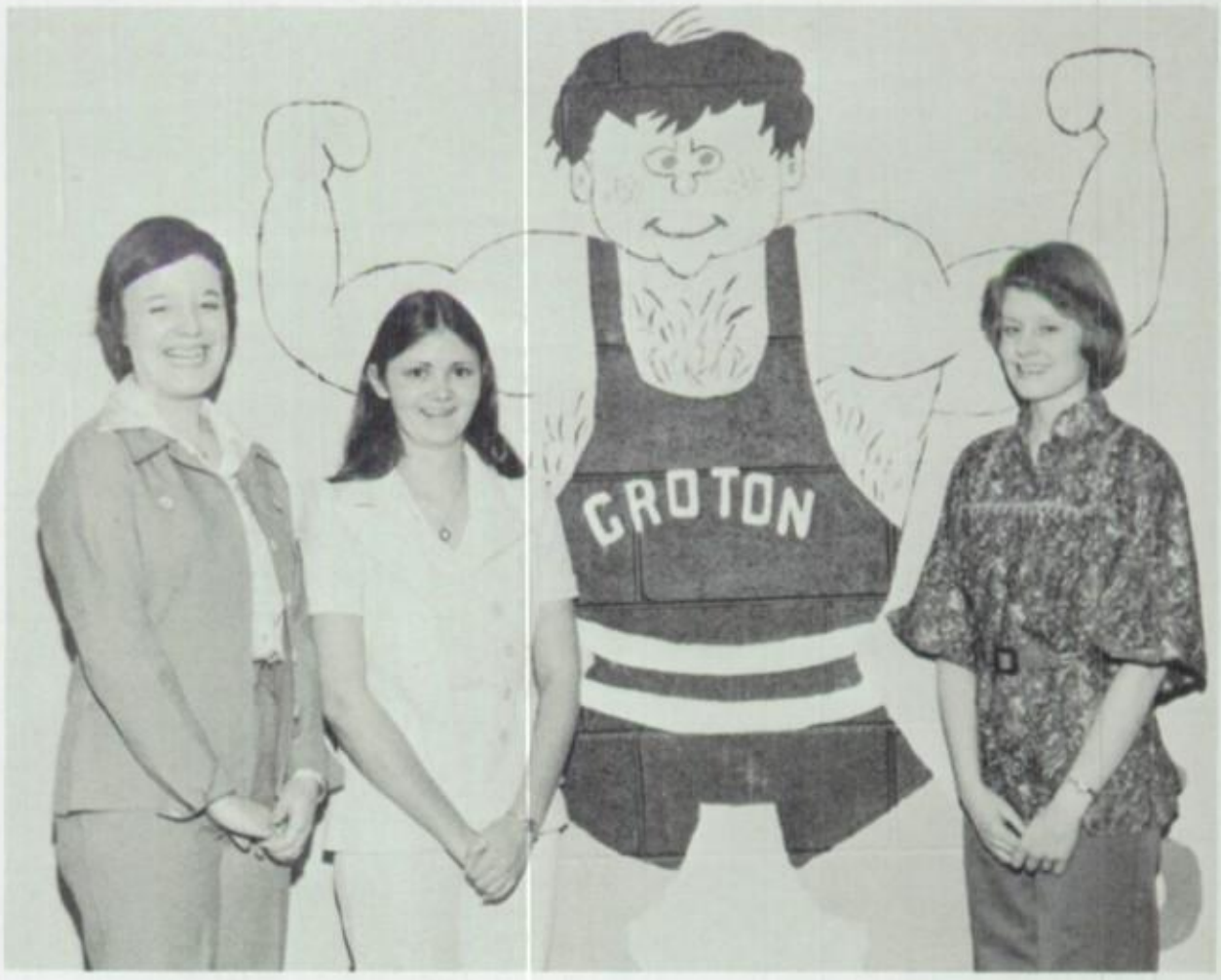

Wrestling Aux. officers for this year were Vice-President, Jean Donovan; Sec.-Treas., Lori Daly; and Pres., Deb Zoellner.

Girls Inspire Student Body

The Pep Club, under the leadership of Kristy Snyder, Pres.; Cheri Helmer, Vice-Pres.; and Sherry Dixon, Sec. Treas.; has had a busy year. The Pep Club's main goal was to induce spirit into every fan at old G.H.S. At each pep rally a different assemblage of pep club members showed their acting talents by presenting a pep skit. At 3:30 on Friday afternoons, one could hear the chanting and cheering of the student body as they partook in a yelling contest.

On Jungle Day, the fire truck was clustered with a group of girls full of energy and spirit. Following the fire truck were many young tiger fans eagerly waiting to catch the candy that was being thrown over the side of the fire truck.

The Wrestling Auxiliary had a busy year following the State B Wrestling Champs. The girls were kept busy selling scarves, mittens, caps, and seat cushions. While doing all this each member took her turn running the camera and sitting behind the scorer's table. These girls really helped Mr. Donovan and all the coaches during this busy season. For a change of pace the girls sponsored a sock hop to raise money.

At a final home wrestling match, the Wrestling Auxiliary honored the parents of the wrestlers, the varsity cheerleaders, and the Wrestling Auxiliary officers. Leading the Auxiliary this year were Pres., Deb Zoellner; Vice-President, Jean Donovan; and Sec. Treas., Lori Daly.

Back Row: K. Sieh, S. Schaller, B. James, S. Hochhalter, V. Doeringsfeld, M. Merkel, B. Oliver, L. Snyder, Ninth Row: L. Farmen, J. Dixon, K. Flying Hawk, J. Pullan, D. Donovan, C. McKiver, G. Schelle, I. Pullan, C. Schmidt, D. Odland, T. Cutler, G. McKiver. Eighth Row: L. Witlock, A. Ackman, B. Luce, K. Breitkreutz, R. Stanely, T. Boynton, V. Prunty, T. Bahr, L. Daly, C. Chell. Seventh Row: M. Olson, J. Baird, T. Eisenbeisz, T. Raap, J. Kammerer, J. Hostetter, H. Erdmann, D. Kroll, A. Dohman, K. Walter. Sixth Row: K. Volk, V. Leonhardt, J. Bonn, K. Pharis, L. Oliver, P. Dixon, J. Kammerer, S. Fliehs, M. Cutler. Fifth Row: M. Flying Hawk, V. Harry, S. Lemmon, T. Pigors, M. Martin, B. Alberts, T. Nilsson, N. Aeilts, C. Pullan, J. Opp, R. Nash. Fourth Row: G. Dulski, E. Skeide, C. West, J. Howard, D. Schwab, N. Simundson, N. Cutler, D. Hendricks, T. Rix, S. Reed, R. Ries, C. Hansen. Third Row: B. Snyder, P. Luce, S. Ackman, C. Craig, L. Stoekcman, K. Snyder, C. Helmer, L. Locke, P. Ringgenberg, N. Roettele, D. Craig, S. Dixon. Second Row: K. Anderson, D. Roettele, C. Morehouse, B. Fransen, F. Gravatt. Front Row: D. Zoellner, S. Fliehs, A. Johnson, K. Pharis, J. Bohling.

Tigerettes Provide Entertainment

Supervising Groton's energetic Drill Team is a big responsibility. This year that particular job went to Pat Nehls. Lending a helping hand was Captain Julie Hostetter and Co-Captain Jeri Howard. They were elected by the drill team members. You could see 16 girls learning, practicing, and improving their routines every Thursday night in the gym. The girls will never forget the tunes to Shaft and Proud Mary because their performances were based on these two favorites. The highlight of the year began when the Groton Drill Team was asked to perform at the district basketball tournament held in Groton. The Tigerettes proved to be a success. Pictured Below are Back Row: Evelyn Skeide, Jody Opp, Marie Hagen, Donna Schwab, Ellen Hagen, Carol Chell, Jane Hostetter, Melodie Martin. Front Row: Kim Volk, Vicky Harry, Jeri Howard, Kim Johnston, Julie Hostetter, Janet Townsend, Cora Schmidt, Gail Dulski.

We've Come a Long Way!

FHA officers for the 1975-76 school year were: Back Row: Carla Hansen-Historian, Karma Anderson-Secretary, Deb Craig-Historian, Kim Pharis-President. Front Row: Nola Roitsch-Advisor, Melanie Cutler-Reporter, Sandy Lemmon-Treasurer, Ann Johnson-Vice President.

It's 1976 and we've come a long way. The Future Homemakers of America is an organization in the process of change from the national all the way down to the local level. The movement is toward growth in yourself, family, school, and community.

The FHA started their year by enlisting 40 members. The first project of the year was the fruit sale.

The FHA week was Donna Schwab's chapter degree project. It included a parent's day, student's day, red and white day, and cowboy day.

The Valentine Mother's Tea was a smashing success with 50 mothers and grandmothers present.

The FFA year concluded with a style show entitled, "Fashion Follies-USA." Chuck Dresbach and Deb Zoellner emceed the event.

Back Row: A. Johnson, K. Anderson, M. Cutler, K. Pharis, D. Craig, S. Lemmon, C. Hansen. Third Row: S. Fliehs, J. Schuring, L. Daly, K. Pharis, K. Snyder, T. Pigors, M. Merkel, K. Sieh, S. Dixon, N. Roettele, A. Dohman, N. Aielts, A. Ackman, B. Tunby, C. Schmidt. Second Row: K. Volk, L. Garness, C. Morehouse, J. Bohling, L. Locke, C. Chell, L. Snyder, B. Oliver, B. Alberts, D. Schwab, R. Ries, J. Kroll, B. Pigors, S. Johnson. Front Row: C. Schuelke, K. Baumgartner, S. Schaller, R. Nash, B. Luce, J. Kammerer, T. Nilsson, S. Goldade, V. Nash.

Top Row: V. Harry, J. Hostetter, B. Snyder, J. Hostetter, D. Schwab, L. Siefkes, F. Norris. Third Row: M. Flying Hawk, J. Rudnick, J. Weismantel, K. Johnston, C. Wagner, D. LaMee, J. Hostetter. Second Row: E. Hagen, G. McKiver, T. Cutler, D. Odland, J. Kammerer, D. Pfitzer, V. Leonhardt. Front Row: V. Pres. J. Clark, Reporter, S. Fliehs, Mrs. Nelson, Pres. T. Breitkreutz, Sec.-Treas, N. Simundson.

Groton Girl Gains State Title

The Future Nurses of America were led through another successful year by advisors Dorene Nelson, Mrs. Jon Simundson and Mrs. Karen Walters. The main objective behind FNA is to become knowledgable about the affairs of nursing and the entire medical profession. Our year commenced when we decorated a float for the Jungle Day Parade. A field trip to Jamestown, N.D. proved to be interesting and educational as we visited the Crippled Children's School. The roads were extremely icy and almost caused a casualty as one mother went sliding to the edge of the road. Through out the year we vendered Tiger stickers and stationery. Our FNA emblem was completed this year. One memorable Saturday afternoon was spent holding a bake sale. The same day we canvassed the town collecting for the Sister Kenney Institute in Minneapolis.

For a change of action we had a Christmas party and exchanged gifts. As a part of our monthly meetings, we had a guest speaker or some sort of program.

This year we attended every state meeting and ran three girls for state office. Janine Rudnick was elected to the office of State FNA Vice-President. Her duty will be to publish the State Newsletters. Overall the group had a profitable year in more ways than one.

One Table, Three Chairs . . .

Hard at work in their "cozy little room" are Ruth Ann Weismantel and Betty Eichler, editors, and Tami Breitkreutz, assistant editor.

One table, four full drawers, and three chairs in a small corner room was labeled as the "annual room". Even though the heat was turned down in the rest of the school building, the annual room was always toasty warm--too warm. A little box designated as the garbage was filled with everything from candy wrappers and pop glasses to shavings of pictures and a basket full of ideas that weren't quite good enough.

With the efforts of a few people the annual was finally completed. Endless hours were spent in the cozy little room that became a second home to some of us. We don't expect the book to be perfect, but we tried. With lack of help and a big project, we did our best to produce a book that everyone would enjoy.

Back Row: K. Breitkreutz, B. James, L. Snyder, B. Oliver, E. Stoeckmann, S. Fliehs, K. Walter. Middle Row: B. Snyder, K. Pharis, A. Dohman, V. Doeringsveld, N. Simundson, L. Siefkes, J. Kammerer. Front Row: P. Luce, S. Schaller.

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"Who wants to illustrate? Can I have the correction fluid, please? I'm almost finished with this last stencil. Click...click...click." All this and more went into producing the school paper, THE CUB TIGER.

The paper staff, consisting of reporters, columnists, mimeographers, typists, and general production personnel, along with the editors put out THE CUB TIGER approximately once a month. Although some may have been tagged as mimeographers or typists, most took just about any assignment that needed to be done to produce each issue. Columnists, chosen by the editors, wrote on subjects on the lighter side of the news, expressing their views and feelings quite openly.

Mr. Picotte served as advisor throughout the year and provided a great "boost" for the staff. He spent many hours "down in the salt mine" as he would say, checking over stencils for errors. At Right: ASST. EDITOR: Karma Anderson, CO-EDITORS: Karyl Knecht and Patti Locke, ASST. EDITOR: Tammy Bahr.

PRODUCTION STAFF - Back: Karyl Knecht, Patti Locke, Tammy Bahr, Karma Anderson,

REPORTERS-From Back to Front: Barb Snyder, Pam Stange, Trudy Raap, Liz Stoeckmann, Linda Snyder, Becky Oliver, Kim Pharis, Ann Johnson,

VOC. BUS. HELPERS: Trudy Raap, Ruth Ann Weismantel, Carla Hansen, Barb Fransen and Denise Roettele.

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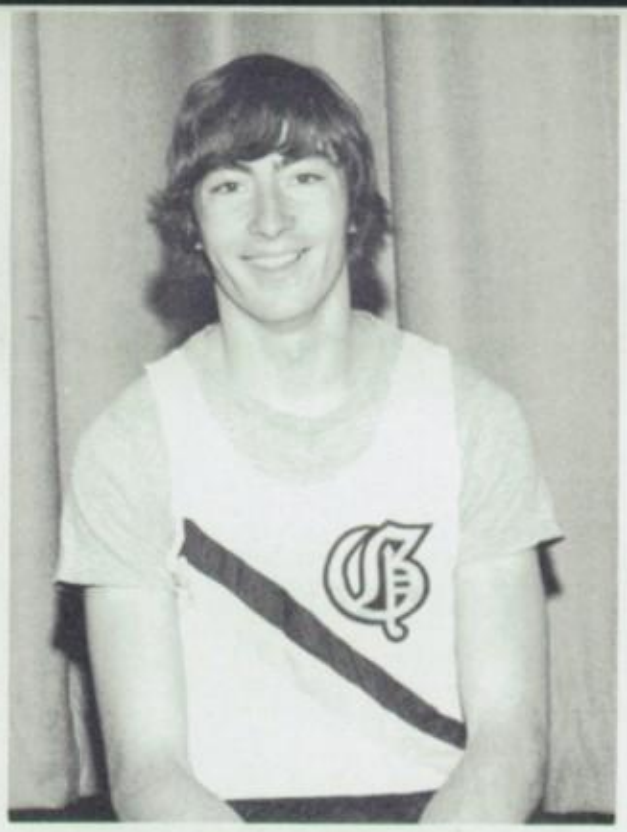


SPORTS WRITER: Danny Dorfschmidt.

Lori Daly, Terri Wright, Connie Morehouse, Susan Reed, Tammy Pigors, Sheri Hochhalter, Carla Hansen, and Tammy Cutler.

BUSINESS MANAGERS: Ruth Ann Weismantel and Connie Morehouse.

COLUMNISTS-Seated: Chuck Dresbach, Marc Johnson, David Sieh. Standing: Karyl Knecht, Barb Fransen and Deb Zoellner.

Standing: Gail Dulski, Steve Luce, Nancy Simundson, Kelly Larsen, Tami Breitkreutz, Florrinda Norris, Cheri Helmer, Janine Rudnick, Vicki Prunty. Seated: Alsa Alberts, Carolyn Scheulke, Mrs. Dorene Nelson, Mr. John Westby, Mike Simundson, Mark Walter. Not Pictured: Elizabeth Stoeckmann.

Debaters Take Third in Conference

The debate season began, competitively, for the Groton debaters with a beginner's invitational at Groton on the 15th of November, followed by another beginner's tournament at Aberdeen Central. Beginning and second-year debaters who competed at these tournaments were Janine Rudnick, Elizabeth Stoeckmann, Vicki Prunty, Florrinda Norris, Caroline Schuelke, Alsa Alberts, Mike Simundson, Mark Walter, Gail Dulski, and Tami Breitkreutz. The Varsity team of Cheri Helmer, Nancy Simundson, Kelly Larsen and Steve Luce began competition at the Ringneck Tournament in Aberdeen. Following this, the debaters took part in the McCarty tournament in Brookings, the Speech Fiesta in Watertown, the Pi Kappa Delta tournament at NSC, the Karl E. Mundt invitational at Madison. Besides attending the invitational tournaments, the Varsity and Junior Varsity took part in the three Upper Dakota Conference tournaments. Based upon the competition in the three conference tournaments Groton placed third for the year in the conference. The Varsity took part in the Division III elimination tournament with Cheri Helmer and Nancy Simundson qualifying for the State Tournament. Those qualifying for individual speaking were Steve Luce, men's extemp; Janine Rudnick, original oratory; and Nancy Simundson, women's extemp.

Nancy and Cheri were defeated in the quarter-finals at the State Forensics Tournament which was held at the Dakota Wesleyan Campus in Mitchell.

The debaters who have achieved the Degree of Distinction in debate and public speaking this year are Cheri Helmer, Nancy Simundson, and Steve Luce.

Orators Receive Speech Honors

Few people besides the members of the department, and Gwen Broman, advisor, realize what hard work it is being a declam student, getting up sometimes as early as 6 A.M. to go to a contest after hours of practice getting ready for their presentation.

This years speech students did quite well, with many of the students advancing to the state level.

Standing: Beth Tunby, Becky Oliver, Nancy Aeilts, David Sieh, Brenda Alberts, Paul Willis, Chuck Dresbach, Clarice Wagner, Barb Snyder, Jane Hostetter, Kristy Johnston, Kim Volk. Seated: Deanette Taylor, Mrs. Broman, Trish Braxton, Caroline Scheulke, Nancy Simundson, Connie Morehouse, and Kim Pharis.

Back Row: Cheryl Helmer, June Hostetter, Barb Snyder, Deb Dennert, Randy Tewksbury. Front Row: Tom Waage, Viki Prunty, Sharon Fliehs, Jane Hostetter, Judy Baird, Paul Willis. Not Pictured: Val Leonhardt, Kim Volk, Donna Schwab.

Librarians Expedite Students

Helping Mrs. Broman during school hours with her activities in the library are student librarians. Some of their duties include checking out books and magazines, and helping other students find library materials, while trying to keep the magazine shelves in order. Of course, they have to charge for overdue books and you often see them running many various errands. With all her activities, Mrs. Broman finds time to coach oral interpretation. She never tires while listening to a frustrated student rehearse his piece. She also takes part in helping with Snow Queen, Homecoming, Graduation, and many other activities.
At Right is librarian, Mrs. Broman.

Mixed Chorus

Back Row: M. Stoeckman, G. Fransen, M. Kuske, K. Alberts, M. Johnson, C. Dirks, J. Donovan, L. Siefkes, T. Breitkreutz, N. Simundson, J. Hostetter, B. Snyder, C. Dresbach, S. Dixon, L. Krege, R. Kuske, T. Raap, J. Hostetter, K. Anderson, S. Fliehs, B. Fransen, P. Locke, R. Weismantel. Third Row: B. Dylla, T. Collins, C. Wesbty, H. Gengeke, B. Eichler, N. Cutler, F. Gravatt, T. Eisenbeisz, P. Stange, D. Dorfschmidt, M. Harry, D. Julson, J. Rudnick, D. Schmig, D. Kroll, L. Locke, T. Rix, D. Wilson. Second Row: D. Doeringsfeld, T. Dylla, D. Cutler, C. Wagner, P. Braxton, T. Pigors, V. Cutler, K. Snyder, E. Nash, J. Dorfschmidt, L. Stange, D. Kampa, T. Raap, A. Dohman, D. Odland, J. Bohling, M. Cutler. First Row: B. Neuman, G. Dylla, T. Wright, D. Zoellner, J. Kammerer, K. Jones, H. Erdman, K. Hein, M. Walter, M. Simundson, V. Stange, K. Pharis, C. Morehouse, J. Schuring, A. Johnson.

Girl's Glee

Back Row: B. Alberts, G. McKiver, S. Fliehs, S. Hochhalter, B. Tunby, R. Stanley, D. LaMee, J. Baird, S. Lemmon, K. Johnston, L. Witlock, B. Snyder, T. Cutler, T. Boynton. Third Row: A. Alberts, K. Pharis, S. Johnson, M. Merkel, P. McKittrick, C. Schmidt, C. Schuelke, R. Ries, S. Dixon, K. Breitkreutz, A. Ackman, V. Wahl, S. Helmer, B. Luce. Second Row: L. Snyder, S. Dunker, D. Hindricks, M. Zastrow, J. Howard, V. Nash, S. Leonhardt, C. Pullan, B. James, J. Kroll, B. Oliver. First Row: S. Schaller, D. Craig, N. Aeilts, J. Hosttetter, J. Bonn, D. Schwab, K. Volk.

Boy's Glee

Back Row: D. Doeringsfeld, M. Stoeckman, G. Fransen, M. Kuske, K. Alberts, M. Johnson, C. Dresbach, S. Dixon, D. Dorfschmidt, L. Krege, R. Kuske. Second Row: T. Dylla, B. Dylla, T. Collins, C. Wesbty, D. Cutler, H. Gengerke, C. Dirks, M. Harry, D. Julson, T. Raap. First Row: B. Neumann, G. Dylla, M. Simundson, M. Walter, K. Hein, E. Nash, J. Dorfschmidt, D. Kampa, L. Stange, V. Stange.

Finding another use for the piano are accompanists for mixed chorus; Ann Johnson, Deb Zoellner, and Kristie Snyder.

Barb Snyder, Sherry Schaller, and Nancy Aeilts put in their time as accompanists for girls glee.

Back Row: C. Dirks, D. Cutler, K. Alberts, T. Collins, C. Dresbach, L. Krege. Third Row: D. Doeringsfeld, D. Dorfschmidt, M. Stoeckmann, J. Dorfschmidt, R. Kuske. Second Row: K. Snyder, B. Eichler, P. Stange, T. Pigors, L. Cutler, D. Zoellner, D. Julson, D. Sieh, C. Morehouse, K. Anderson, M. Cutler, A. Johnson. First Row: T. Eisenbeisz, J. Kammerer, M. Kuske, P. Locke, J. Donovan.

Busy But Fruitful

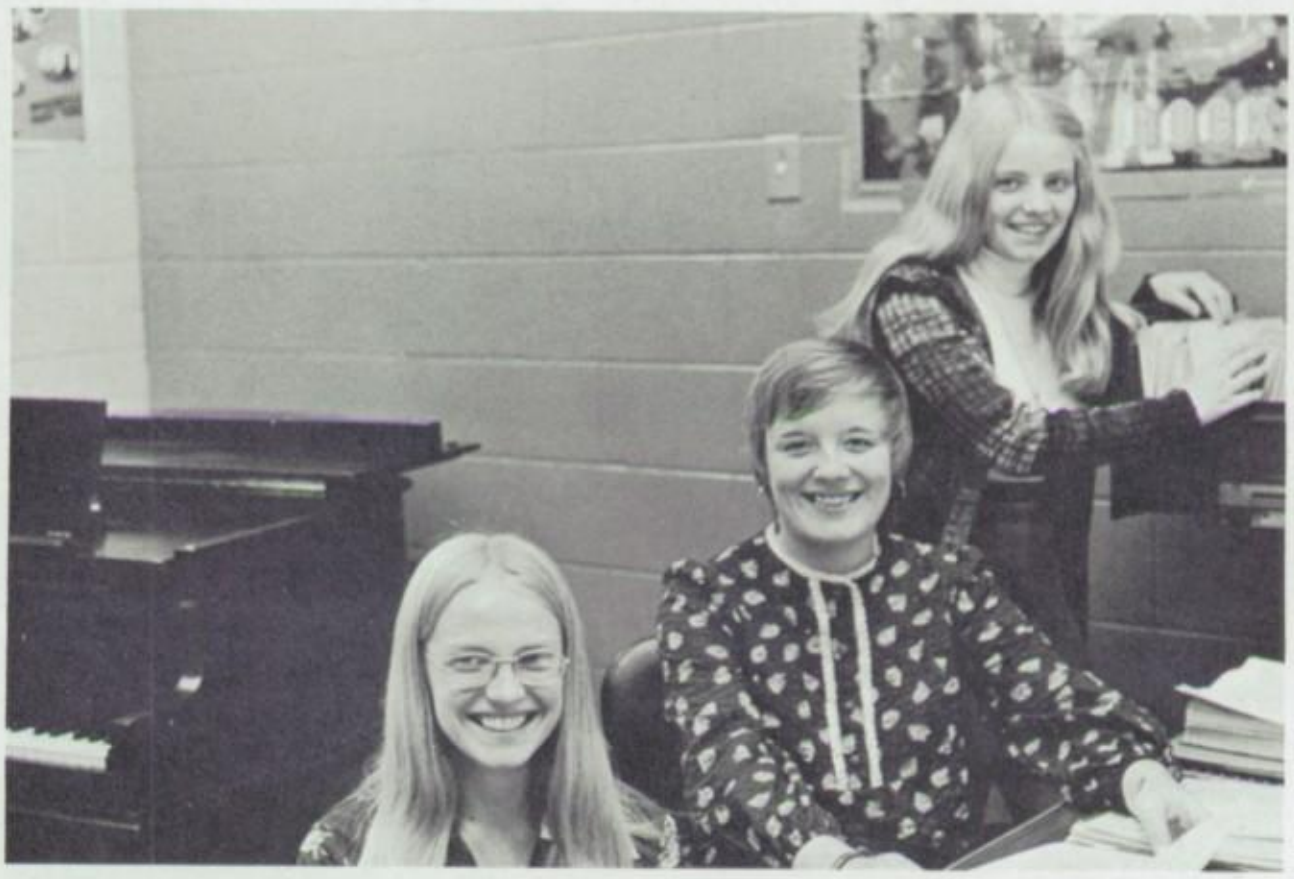
"Ladies and Gentlemen - Welcome to . . ." And they were off again! The Chamber Choir, a 25-voice swing ensemble, was performing once again. The BWBB&G, an off-shoot of the Chamber Choir, opened the year by singing for the Jayceette Style Show in September. An old-fashioned Caroling Party, complete with costumes and lanterns gave a beautiful finish to this years Christmas Concert. After a month of concentrated work, one of the most successful "Pops" concerts was given in Febraury. In April the group performed for the State Future Nurses Convention in Clark, and their year came to a close in May as the strains of "You'll Never Walk Alone" filled the air the night of Graduation. With the very able assistance of Deb Zoellner and Kristy Snyder on piano, and Mike "Sticks" Kuske, on percussion, the Chamber Choir had an extremely busy but very fruitful year!

The Chamber Choir backs Doug Julson, as the featured soloist for "Black Water."

Do Re Mi . . .

Susan Dunker and Betty Eichler are student directors for Girls Glee and Mixed Chorus respectively. At Right: Students who attended All-State Chorus in Watertown are; Back Row: Tim Collins, Dan Dorfschmidt, Doug Julson, Mike Stoeckmann. Front Row: Deb Zoellner, Tammy Pigors, Betty Eichler, Jean Donovan.

Those who attended All-State Band in Rapid City were David Cutler, Deb Zoellner, Kristy Snyder and Barb Fransen.



Acting as Mrs. Marion's right hand are Terry Eisenbeisz, Jean Donovan and Jackie Kammerer.

B Band

Front Row: Mary Sippel, Melonie Jones, Jan Locke, Francis Prunty, Yvonne Lange, Beth Thompson, Jenny Dumire, Gail Schelle, Rhonda Ackerson, Vicki Luce, Rhonda Knudson, Jean Cutler, Carol Ball. Second Row: Julie Belden, Ann Martin, Terry Schott, Denece Abeln, Debbie Nehls, Karma Webb, Rhonda Sternhagen, Danny Kramin, Brenda Bauer, Doug Dunker, Joan Wilson, Connie Craig, Peri Erdmann, Barb James. Third Row: Patty Dixon, Lily Farmen, Connie Craig, Kristi Pharis, Arna Alberts, Debbie Miester, Jackie Pullan, Robbie Abeln, Wayne Dean, Bruce May, Brad Waage, Rod Zastrow, Stacy Broman, Cindy Schmig, David Dohmann, Lynn Oliver, Brian Townsend, Melissa Dennert, Debbie Donovan, Roger Sperry, September Ackmann, John Maines. Back Row: Dean Sombke, Tami Erdmann, Patty Garness, Gary Sundermeyer, Brian Bittner, Kathy Anerson, Cara Cutler, Larry Cutler, Toby Erickson, Kevin Rapp, Jeff Wright, Garth Odland, Tom Cutler, Lowell Harms. Not Pictured: Marcia Olson, Jami Seward, Steve Jones.

Dave Cutler and Chuck Dresbach portray their version of "Tony Orlando and Dawn" minus one.

Impersonating "Modern Millies" are Jackie Kammerer, Terry Eisenbeisz, Deb Zoellner, Jean Donovan, Barb Fransen and Patti Locke.

On and On and On . . .

"Curtain Up-Light the Lights!" It's time for this years "Pops" Concerts! Co-hosted by the Chamber Choir and the Stage Band and Studio Lab, the concerts were presented Sunday, February 1, and Thursday, February 5th. Undaunted by the fact that the weather postponed the second concert until Thursday, the show went on! Nancy Simundson and David Doeringsfeld did a super job as this years MC's, even if there were too many elephant jokes! And who could forget the "BWBB&G" and "Millie"?- or Mike Simundson's rendition (!?!) of "Mother", spelled "M-O-T-H-M-O" that is! Soloists Tammy Pigors, Jean Donovan, Karl Alberts, and Doug Juison, along with many others added to the show, but none could top Mike "Sticks" Kuske with "Speak O Drum God!" And what better way to end the program than with a chorus line? The men of the Chamber Choir, complete with costumes, presented the best one we've seen in a long time in "Ragtime Show-time." Oh yes! Tony Orlando-eat your heart out-our "Dawn" will out do yours anyday! All too soon the curtains were closed and the props were put away until next year. But the memories will go on and on and on and on. . .

The Studio Lab presented one of their best performances as they closed with their theme song, "This Could be the Start of Something Big."

After many hours of practice, Dave Doeringsfeld, Mike Stoeckmann, Tim Collins, Karl Alberts, Charles Dirks, Lee Krege, Rich Kuske, Jime Dorfschmidt and Doug Julson gave an outstanding performance of "Ragtime Showtime".

The talented Mike Simundson performed his version of "Mother" as M-O-T-H-M-O.

Mike "Sticks" Kuske is center of attention during his solo in "Speak O Drum God".

Back Row: L. Krege, K. Alberts, C. Mitchell, M. Kuske, M. Doeringsfeld, D. Dorfschmidt, L. Cutler, C. Dirks, G. Fransen, J. Rudnick. Tenth Row: S. Luce, B. Neuman, R. Kuske, M. Stoeckman, D. Cutler, L. Siefkes, F. Norris, K. Schinkel, T. Rix, A. Ackman. Ninth Row: D. Dennert, D. Kampa, R. Rossow, D. Julson, G. Dylla, M. Nehls, L. Stoeckman, K. Snyder, T. Breitkreutz. Eighth Row: J. Bonn, K. Knecht, P. Locke, P. Braxton, B. Snyder, T. Raap, B. Fransen, K. Pharis, B. Tunby, P. Stange, J. Donovan, S. Neitzel. Seventh Row: B. Eichler, K. Breitkreutz, R. Stanley, N. Aielts, D. Odland, N. Simundson, V. Cutler, T. Cutler, D. Wilson, K. Jones, C. Anderson. Sixth Row: N. Roettle, K. Sieh, B. Alberts, T. Wright, S. Fliehs, T. Eisenbeisz, D. Kroll, A. Dohman, D. Schott, D. Zoellner, R. Weismantel. Fifth Row: M. Cutler, L. Snyder, T. Boynton, S. Johnson, J. Kammerer, V. Prunty, N. Cutler, L. Locke, K. Pharis, M. Merkel. Fourth Row: L. Thompson, K. Hein, V. Wahl, J. Kammerer, K. Walter, D. Craig, S. Schaller, J. Clark, D. Schwab, B. Luce, Third Row: V. Stange, R. Padfield, M. Simundson, J. Ganje, H. Erdmann, R. Ries, S. Leonhardt, L. Garness, S. Goldade, C. Schuelke. Second Row: F. Gravatt, A. Johnson, K. Anderson, T. Pigors, J. Schuring, S. Lemmon, S. Fliehs. First Row: T. Bahr, L. Daly, C. Hansen, S. Dunker, C. Dresbach, C. Morehouse, S. Dixon, D. Phitzer, C. Chell, Mr. Dafoe.

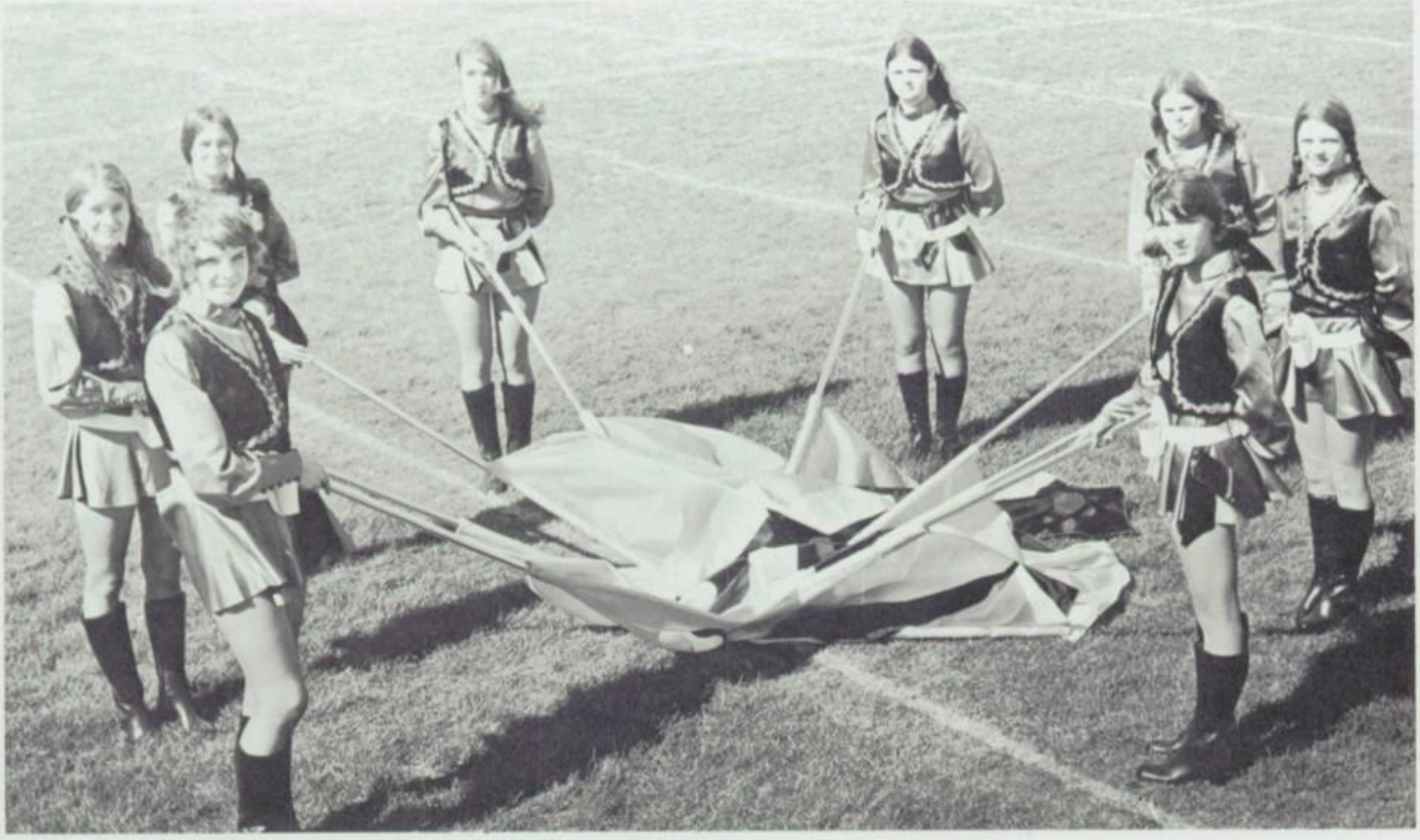
Talent and Coordination Acquire Success

A new edition to the Groton Marching Band was the Flag Girls. Mr. Dafoe recruited eight girls from study hall to fly his flags. After much work their hand and foot coordination finally came.

The traditional appearance at Gypsy Day proved to be a success by winning both street and field competition. Jungle Day commenced when the band marched down mainstreet to a crowd of attentive Tiger fans. The next day the band performed a few selections for Sunflower Daze. After innumerable practiced we ventured to Huron for Pow Wow Days to test our abilities. We marched on to a victory in both field and street competition. We totaled enough points to capture the All-Around Trophy. We were then featured at the football game. Because of an unexpected incident we paid our respects to an important member of our band. Early on October 25, the band boarded buses enroute to Sioux Falls for our only overnight trip. Because of two minor mishaps we had to transfer from one bus to another until we found three buses that ran effeciently. One hundred ten very anxious band members marched in freezing temperatures to receive a second place trophy. The main attraction at the Holiday Inn was their large pool in the center of all the action.

This year has proven to be as successful as years past and hopefully the same in future years.

Majorettes and Drum Major. Top Row: Karma Anderson, Chuck Dresbach, Tammy Pigors. Third Row: Sandy Lemmon, Frankye Gravatt. Second Row: Ann Johnson, Joy Schuring. First Row: Sharon Fliehs.



Flag Girls From Left to Right: Carla Hansen, Susan Dunker, Sherry Dixon, Connie Morehouse, Lori Daly, Tammy Bahr, Carol Chell and Donna Pfitzer.

From One Comes Many

After marching season had concluded, the equipment is put away, and the old shoes are discarded for another year, the 100 plus high school band musicians settle down for another year of concert band.

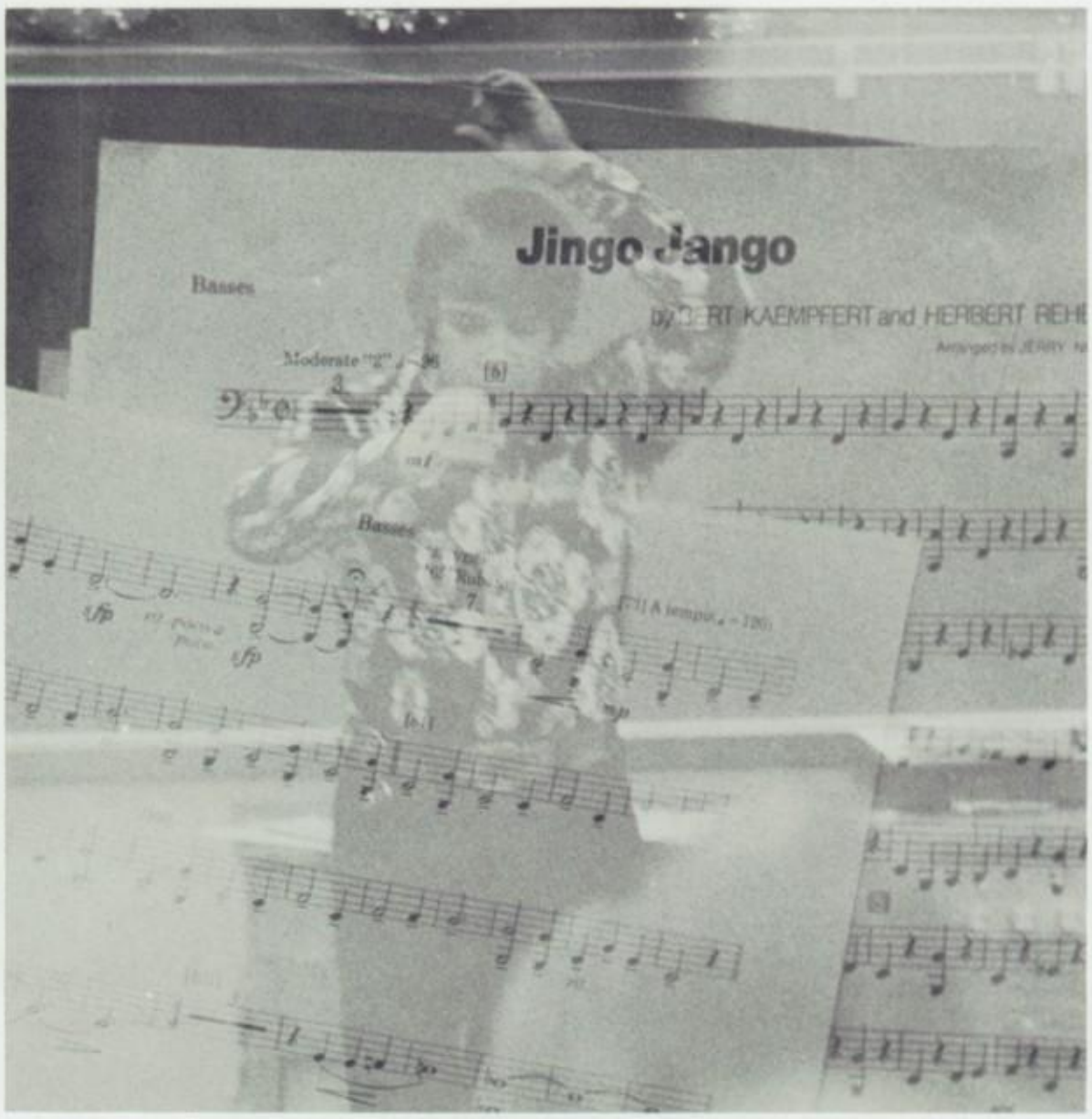
Following tryouts, everyone knows where they will be sitting and who they will have to beat out at the next chair challenge.

The band begins its concert season at the end of October, and extends thru May. From the heart of the band comes many organizations. The Stage Band, Studio Lab, Pep Band, ensembles, solos and of course the Concert Band who performs its customary concerts throughout the year. During this year's Spring Concert a record of the Concert Band and Studio Lab was made.

Helping the flutes put on the finishing touch is Mr. Dafoe.

Back Row: V. Stange, S. Schaller, L. Snyder, N. Aielts, B. Alberts, T. Raap, R. Stanley, C. Dirks, L. Cutler, M. Kuske, L. Thompson, K. Hein, D. Kampa, G. Fransen, D. Cutler, L. Krege, A. Ackman, D. Dennert, D. Kroll, F. Norris, R. Ries, N. Roettele, K. Pharis, J. Schuring, M. Cutler, L. Siefkes, M. Nehls. Third Row: C. Schuelke, J. Clark, P. Huffman, B. Luce, S. Leonhardt, V. Wahl, J. Bonn, M. Simundson, B. Neumann, J. Davis, S. Fliehs, K. Alberts, A. Alberts, D. Dorfschmidt, C. Dresbach, D. Craig, M. Doeringsfeld, T. Rix, P. Locke, B. Fransen, M. Stoeckmann, K. Schinkel, G. Dylla, C. Mitchell, L. Locke, B. Tunby, R. Kuske, R. Padfield, L. Garness, S. Luce. Second Row: K. Pharis, R. Weismantel, D. Schott, K. Sieh, V. Prunty, K. Walters, H. Erdmann, D. Odland, D. Zoellner, J. Donovan, S. Johnson, V. Cutler, K. Anderson, K. Knecht, A. Dohman, J. Kammerer, T. Cutler, T. Boynton. Front Row: K. Snyder, T. Wright, M. Merkel, S. Fliehs, P. Braxton, N. Cutler, F. Gravatt, A. Johnson, T. Breitkreutz, D. Wilson, B. Snyder, J. Rudnick, N. Simundson, B. Eichler, S. Lemmon, J. Kammerer, S. Goldade.

Top Left: Mike Doeringsfeld, Deb Craig, Barb Fransen, Patti Locke, Chuck Dresbach and Teresa Rix. Top Right: Mary Merkel, Trish Braxton, Sharon Fliehs, Frankye Gravatt, Tami Breitkreutz, Ann Johnson, and Donna Wilson. Back Row: Mike Stoeckmann, Curtis Mitchell, Lynn Locke, Kristi Schinkel, Gary Dylla, Rich Kuske, Mike Nehls, Melanie Cutler, Lynda Siefkes, David Cutler, Joy Schuring, Florrinda Norris, Mike Kuske, Rene Ries, Kristy Snyder and Terri Wright. Front Row: Deb Zoellner, Jean Donavan, Terry Eisenbeisz, Denece Odland, Karyl Knecht, Karma Anderson, Doug Julson, David Sieh, Loren Cutler and Chuck Dirks.



M. Stoeckmann-Soph. Rep., C. Dirks-Sr. Rep., R. Weismantel-Sec., B. Fransen-Treas., J. Donovan-Hist., A. Alberts-Frosh. Rep., T. Breitkreutz-Jr. Rep., M. Doeringsfeld-V. Pres., C. Dresbach-Pres.

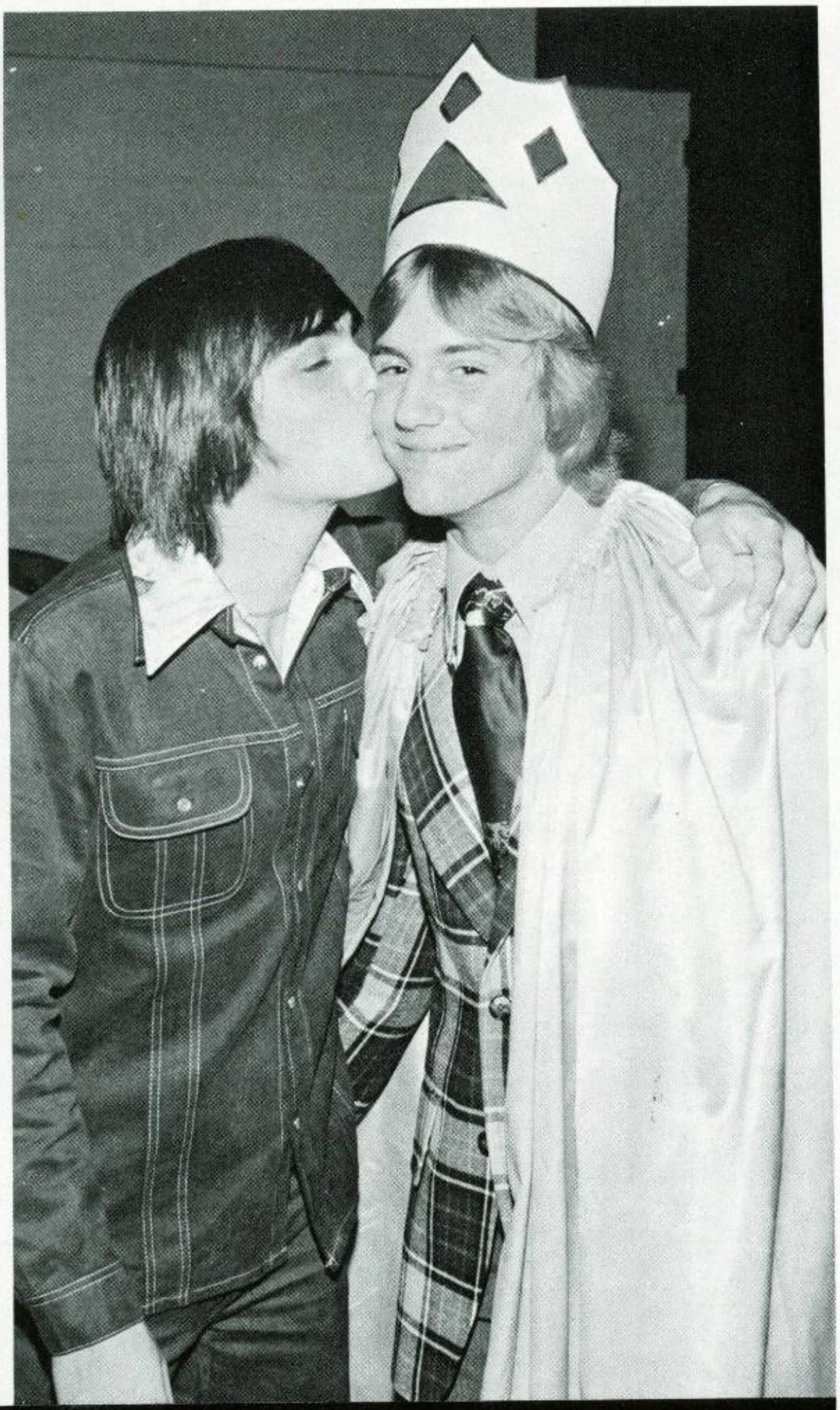
Students Assist Director

At the beginning of the year the band elected nine members to represent them. The council got together with Mr. Dafoe during the year for meetings to discuss activities and problems. For the final meeting of the year the council went to the Elk's Lodge.

These nine members of the band were not the only ones assisting Mr. Dafoe, Susan Neitzel and Pam Stange were also kept busy as band secretaries. This year's secretaries were especially busy because Mr. Dafoe was elected President of South Dakota's Band Master's Association. Some of their duties included taking care of old and new music, writing letters, answering phones, filing and other various jobs Mr. Dafoe couldn't find time to do himself.

At Right are secretaries Pam Stange and Susan Neitzel.

ACTIVITIES



Homecoming '75

In late September as students were just settling into the routine of school life, it was pepped up by Homecoming '75. While upper classmen were driving around looking for rookies, the rookies made a bee line for the nearest garbage can.

Tuesday ended with preparations of our artistic abilities to be shown. Juniors proved to be the best with their float.

On Thursday night the traditional Pep Rally was held. The band marched downtown to start the evening. Coach Dubs introduced the graduating football players. To surprise and embarrass some football players, their mothers came running out to Main Street and did a spirit rising cheer.

After the downtown performance the crowd went to the skating pond where Kristy Snyder, Pep Club President, started it with a pep talk. This year something new was added, old homecoming queens were introduced and recrowned. Mayor Eddy Nehls lit the GHS, which was a successful blaze.

Mrs. Dorfschmidt started the coronation with a poem for all mothers of football players. Bourgious performed before the crowning of King Dave Doeringsfeld and Queen Barb Fransen.

That evening the Groton Tigers went out to beat the Clark Comets. Homecoming came to an end with a dance and a victory celebration.

The next day, Groton, Sunflower Capital of the world, celebrated its second annual Sunflower Daze where Barb and Dave served as royalty for the event.

Queen Barb and King Dave.

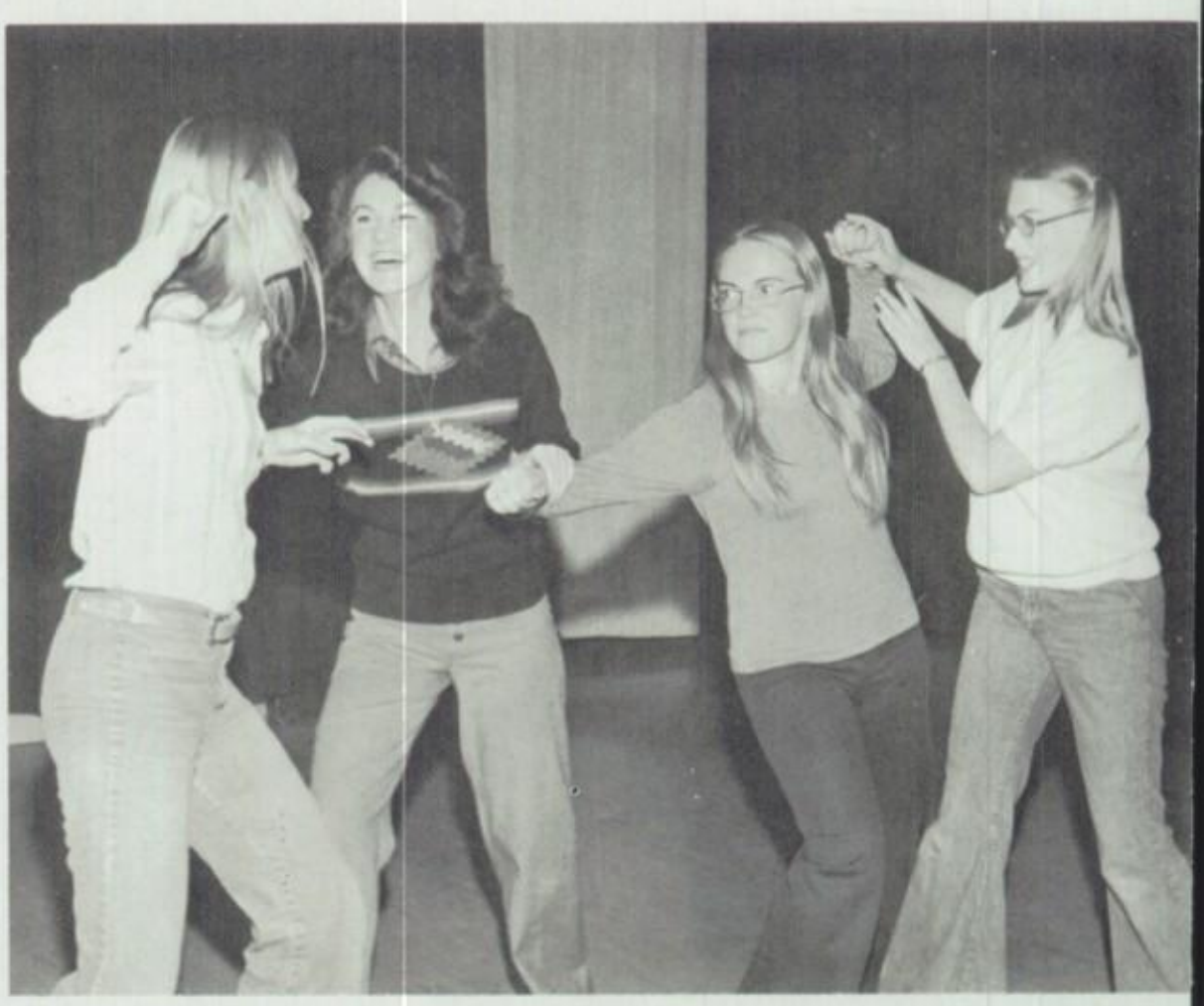
HOMECOMING CANDIDATES: Betty Eichler, Marc Johnson, Patti Locke, Jim Marske, Queen Barb Fransen, King Dave Doeringsfeld, Denise Roettele, Chuck Dresbach, Deb Zoellner, David Sieh.

Above: Entertainment for coronation was provided by Bourgious. Below: Players mothers who did a spirit rising cheer during the Pep Fest were: Mrs. Dorfschmidt, Mrs. Cassels, Mrs. Rossow, Mrs. Doeringsfeld, Mrs. Zimney and Mrs. Kampa. At Left: Taking first place in the float competition was the Junior class.

Even Earnest Efforts Did Not Help

The all school play, Now That the Children are Grown was presented on November 21 and 22. The play was about a marriage that had broken up. The children are in the middle of it all, their friends are starting to tease them about their parents getting a divorce and their father always running around. The children try to help get their parents back together. Even with the children's earnest efforts, they didn't get back together.

This years play proved that our young people can do equally well in producing a serious play with a contemporary theme. Mr. Picotte served as faculty director, while Janine Rudmick was student director.



Sandy Lemmon and Alsa Alberts intervene while Teresa Rix and Terry Eisenbeisz dispute over a family problem.

Back Row: Mr. Picotte, Clarice Wagner, Mark Walter, Kelly Hein, Mike Simundson, Caroline Schuelke. Seated: Patricia Braxton, Sandy Lemmon, Terry Eisenbeisz, Terri Wright, Teresa Rix, Von Stange, Alsa Alberts, Nancy Simundson. On Floor: Janine Rudnick. Not Pictured: Karl Alberts.

Back Row: C. Mitchell, D. Chell, R. Tewksbury, K. Alberts. Third Row: S. Luce, K. Larson, T. Fliehs, D. Cassels, M. Doeringsfeld, M. Kuske. Second Row: V. Cutler, J. Howard, C. West, J. Townsend, N. Cutler, L. Siefkes, F. Norris, K. Johnes, K. Pharis, S. Fliehs, J. Hostetter, C. Morehourse, D. LaMee. Front Row: N. Simundson, D. Schwab, T. Breitkreutz, E. Skeide, P. Luce, F. Gravatt, G. Dulski, J. Bohling, T. Bahr, D. Wilson, K. Schinkel.

Kim Pharis helps Pauline Luce and Gail Dulski convert from typical high school students into members of the Hillbilly family.

Jr's Version of a "Hillbilly Weddin"

Practically every member of the junior class was involved in producing "Hillbilly Weddin". Both practice and production were hilarious affairs. Never before was heard the slapping of bare feet on stage. Some great hitherto unknown acting talent was discovered, such as Don Cassels, and his band. The atmosphere of the Kentucky Hills was brought closer to home as the juniors brought forth their versions of a hillbilly family and their acquaintances.

Can you imagine Aunt Lucy (Lynda Siekfes), a snobbish city lady, being locked up in a pig pen for an afternoon? Imagine the frustration on the face of one of the cousins as her fiddle breaks in the middle of the wedding procession. Or when you have to say one line in the whole play and you gather butterflies as your time draws near.

Despite snow flurries, and other interruptions, we managed to engage many hectic hours to produce a crowd-gathering play.

Denise Roettele Captures Title of Miss Groton

On December 7th, 28 girls prepared for a busy day of rehearsal, interviews, and finally the long walk up the ramp. The girls met the morning before for rehearsal to pick their lucky number. At 2:00 on Sunday, the candidates unsteadily but surely entered the warm study hall only to dread their turn for the interview. Judges for the pageant were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cutler and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Dinger. When all the candidates had met the judges, a delicious meal provided by the Kiwanis was served to the contestants, judges, and the advisor, Mrs. Broman, along with her husband.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Aberdeen's Mayor Jeff Solemn. Miss Vonne Larson, retiring 1975 Snow Queen was introduced as was Linda Snyder, 1976 Jr. Snow Queen. Talent Competition was won by Deb Zoellner singing "Good-Bye to Love." After the girls had been individually introduced and had taken their places on stage, the judges left to make the final decision. During this time the Mystery Snowman, Henry Borchard, was revealed to the public. The big moment everyone was waiting for had finally arrived. Denise Roettele of Columbia was named Miss Groton for 1976. First runner-up was Deb Zoellner, 2nd-Terri Wright, 3rd-Betty Eichler, and 4th-Patti Locke.

The day proved to be an experience for everyone involved and one that will always be remembered.

4th runner-up, Patti Locke; 2nd, Denise Roettele; 1st, Deb Zoellner.

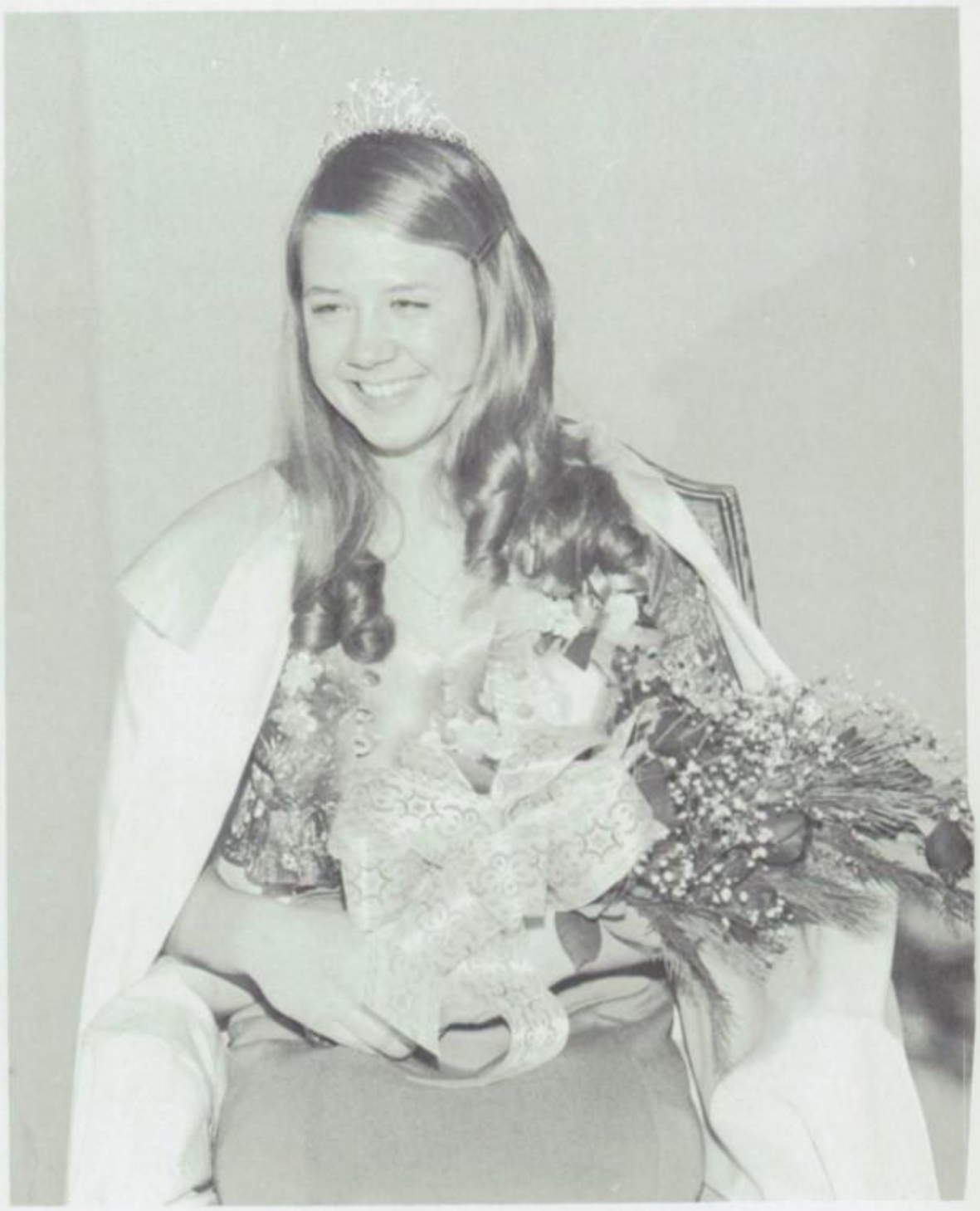
Talent winner Deb Zoellner.

Back Row: Patricia Braxton, Donna Pfitzer, Connie Gunderson, Terri Wright, Deb Zoellner, Pam Stange, Susan Neitzel, Betty Snyder. Front Row: Ruth Ann Weismantel, Diane Schmig, Danette Hostetter, Karyl Knecht, Queen Denise Roettele, Patti Locke Hollum, Helen Erdmann and Jackie Kammerer.

Terri Wright; Queen, 3rd, Betty Eichler.

Retiring Queen Von Larson looks on, while M.C. Jeff Solem reveals Henry Borchard as the Mystery Snowman.

Julie Hostetter, Barb Fransen, Carla Han-Eichler, Trudy Raap, Diane Schott and Barb Taylor, Deb Dennert, Pam Huffman, June Terry Eisenbeisz, Jean Donovan, Jane



Queen Denise, feliciously smiles at her family and friends after receiving the title of Miss Groton.

Precious and Few

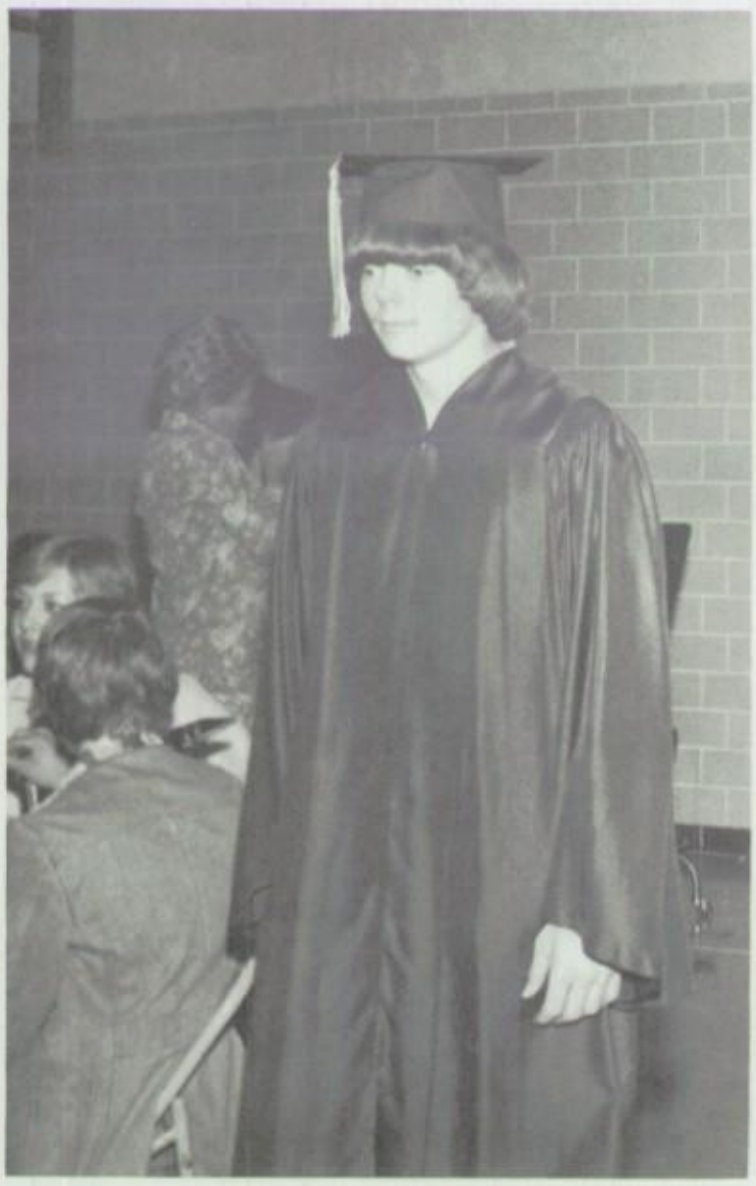
The Juniors chose "Precious and Few" as the theme for this year's prom. The gala event was held on May 8th, at Aberdeen's Sheraton Motor Inn.

A buffet style banquet was served at poolside. Entertainment was provided by Karl Alberts singing "Precious and Few," accompanied by Mrs. Mary Marion on the piano. Dr. Lester Clark of Northern was introduced as the Guest Speaker for the evening.

The Grand March started poolside and was led outdoors by Jr. Class President Mike Doeringsfeld and his date Karyl Knecht followed by Sr. Class President Jim Marske and his date Teresa Rix where the couples entwined and formed a bridge. The March was then led back to the Gold Room which was decorated in shades of blue. Ending the evening was the dance provided by Kiesz, Schmidt, and Zens.

At graduation ceremonies, the Chamber Choir and seniors sing "The Times of Your Life" and "You'll Never Walk Alone."

After 12 years, could Loren Cutler be having second thoughts?



The End . . . Also a Beginning

Graduation, traditionally viewed as the end of high school can also be looked upon as the beginning of the future. This particular chapter of the Class of '76's came to an end on May 18.

Baccalaureate services were held on Sunday, May 16, with Rev. Terry Cashmer of St. John's Lutheran Church of Groton delivering the message. TheConcert Choir also took part by singing "Where the Roads Come Together," directed by Miss Diane Henley.

With the familiar sounds of "Pomp and Circumstance" filling the gym, various emotions were reflected on the faces of the seniors. Some were doubtful, indifferent, or even tearful, but many jubilant.

The invocation was given by the Rev. Brown of the First Methodist Church of Claremont. The speaker of the evening, Rev. Richard Ward of the First Methodist Church of Aberdeen was then introduced. Mr. Arden Rix presented the diplomas to the graduating class and was presented a diploma himself for the twelve years of service to the school.

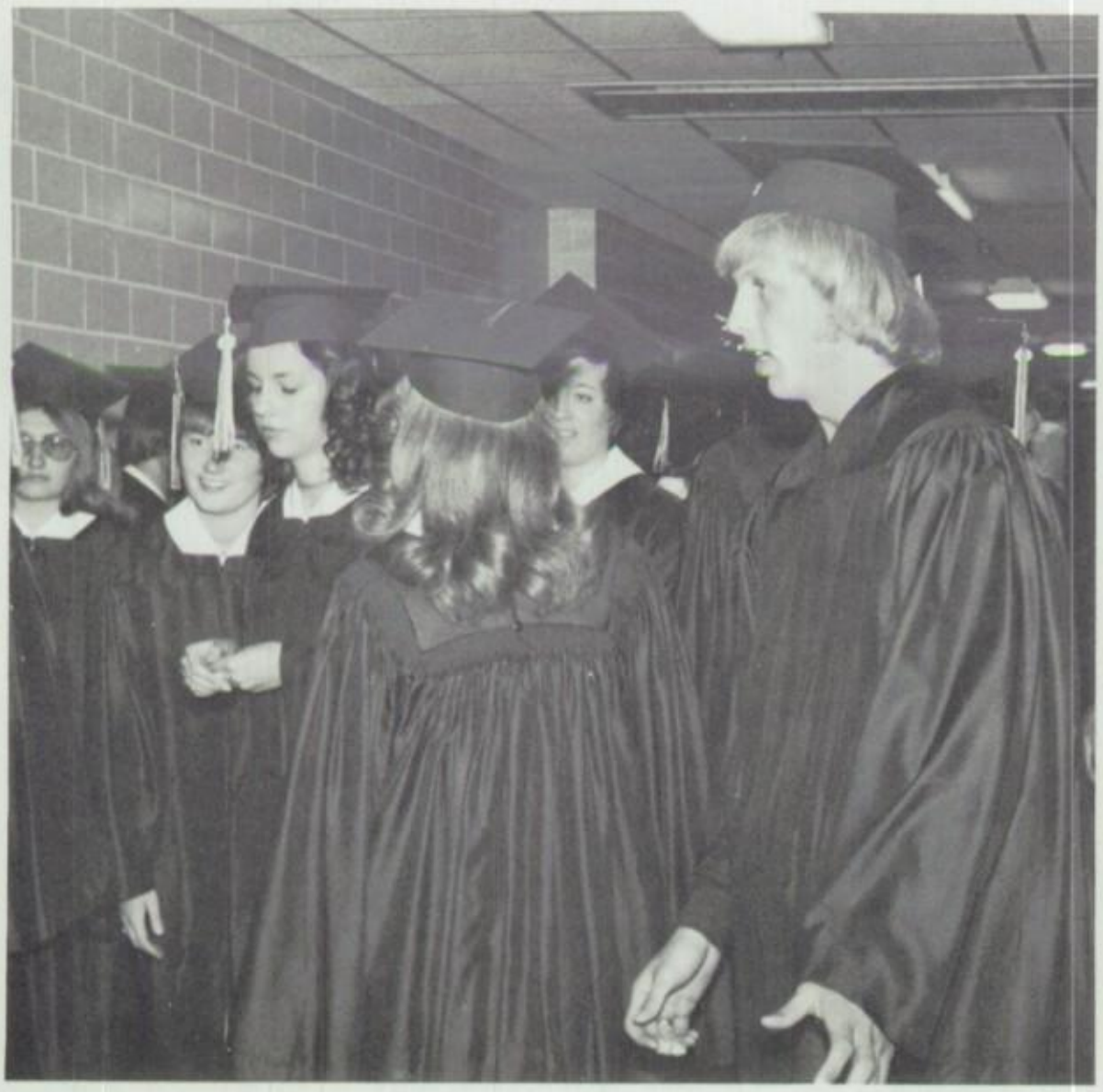
The class then headed home for receptions, the opening of gifts and finally the "class party."

The class party held at Pierpont Lake, provided the class with many strange happenings and invaluable memories. For some, the party continued through the night with the pitching of tents and rolling out of sleeping bags and was carried on the next morning with breakfast at a local cafe in Pierpont completely wiping them out of everything they had to eat. A trip back to the lake, reminiscing of our high school days and the preparation and eating of dinner finally ended the party, and the test of endurance was over for the few weary seniors who were able to make it.

Steve Dixon smiles happily as he takes a step down the path of life.

Helen Erdmann and Barb Snyder make a last minute check before the big moment.

Below: Principal Eugene Kammerer; Guest Speaker Rev. Richard Ward; Rev. Robert Brown; Superintendent James Stoeckmann.



OUTSTANDING PEOPLE

Top: Nancy Cutler, Kelly Larson. Below: Curtis Mitchell, Tami Breitkreutz, Mike Doeringsfeld, Nancy Simundson, Randy Bonn. Kneeling: Cheryl Helmer.

Students Partake in Government

Early this spring eight Juniors were selected to represent Groton as their citizens to Girls' and Boys' State. The girls traveled to DWU in Mitchell and the boys ventured only a few miles away to NSC in Aberdeen.

Week long activities kept these eight students busy every minute--from flag raising at 7:20 A.M. to 10:30 P.M. at vespers. The objectives were to learn about City, County, State and Federal Governments. On the city level you learned about the municipal activities and were given the chance to partake. They found the heartaches of losing and the joys of winning. Governor Kneip was speaker at both Boys' and Girls' State. Throughout the week many other speakers were given full attention as everybody listened to their deliveries.

Back: David Cutler, Karl Alberts, Jean Donovan, Karma Anderson. Front: Doug Julson, Alternate Connie Morehouse and Betty Eichler.

Six Attend Honors Choir

The Second Annual South Dakota All-State Honors Choir was held in Vermillion, July 26-August 2, on USD's campus. Dr. Frank Pooler, from California was the guest conductor. Dr. Pooler, who is the head of the Music Department, teaches at the University of Southern California and has worked with and arranges music for the "Carpenters".

Auditions were held in April at four designated areas in South Dakota. Each student was judged on three things: 60% on a solo, 30% on sight reading and 10% on a written term test. In South Dakota, there were about 500 students who auditioned for the 150 voice choir. Groton was fortunate to have six of the 150 members in the choir and one alternate.

A busy week started on July 26, and as the choir members got to know each other better, they also learned more about their music. They took part in many intense practices and naturally enjoyed their leisure time. On Friday evening, a concert was given and was followed by a reception for the students and their parents. Saturday was departure time and all that was left for many of the students was many memories, friendships and an unforgettable experience.

Students Receive Recognition

David Cutler	School of Mines
Deb Dennert	Presentation College Nursing Scholarship
Jean Donovan	Jaycee Scholarship
Dan Dorfschmidt	Jaycee Scholarship
Betty Eichler	NSC Presidential Scholarship
Barb Fransen	SDSU Music Scholarship
	Mike & Eddy Ball Music Scholarship
Patti Locke	Northern Scholarship
	Roy Richards Memorial Scholarship
	Elks Scholarship
Susan Neitzel	Kiwanis Scholarship
David Sieh	School of Mines
Deb Zoellner	SDSU Music Scholarship
	NSC Music Scholarship

SPECIAL AWARDS

American Legion Citizenship Award	Loren Cutler
	Barb Snyder
Danforth Foundation Award	Dan Dorfschmidt
	Danette Taylor
All-Around Student Award	Chuck Dresbach
	Betty Eichler

April Ackman-1976
Silver Skates Queen

Miss S.D. Teen Queen

Joy Schuring

Joy Schuring and Tammy Pigors participated in The Miss South Dakota Teen Queen Pageant in Aberdeen. Tammy was named Miss South Dakota Teen Queen and also chosen as Miss Photogenic. Joy received the leadership award plaque. Tammy participated in the national finals at "Old Chicago" in Bolingbrook, Illinois.

Tammy Pigors

1976 Jr. Snow
Queen-Linda Snyder

Terri Wright

Betty Eichler

Terri Wright and Betty Eichler were selected as finalists for the Miss South Dakota National Teen-Ager Pageant in Sioux Falls, on May 22, 1976. Terri received the honor of fourth runner up.

Deb Zoellner

Deb Zoellner received the title of Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow. She competed with other seniors in a written knowledge and aptitude exam. Deb is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Zoellner of Groton.

Barb Snyder

Barb is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Snyder of Groton. She was selected to represent Groton High School at the State DAR (Daughters of American Revolution) contest.

SOUTH DAKOTA
McDonald's
All-American

Barb Goes All-American

On September 15, 1975, Barb Fransen received word that she had been selected for the 1975-76 McDonald's All-American High School Band. This meant Barb would travel to New York City for the Macy's Day Parade and to Pasadena for the Tournament of Roses Parade.

Selection for the band consists of a personal resume on your experience and accomplishments filled out by your band director. The National Board of Music Professors then have the difficult job of picking two people from each state and the District of Columbia out of 100,000 applicants.

On November 22, Barb left Groton and arrived at the New York Sheraton where she met her chaperones, and other band members and their director, Paul LaValle. Mr. LaValle impressed upon them that they were truly All-American and that he hoped that everyone of them became friends in their two weeks together. The rest of the week consisted of practice and sight seeing. Thoughts of waking up and everything being a dream, kept haunting Barb's mind, but it became a reality when they were called to line up amidst the bands and floats. After the parade 102 soaked bodies arrived back at the hotel with nothing else on their minds but a hot shower and sleep. The next day the band was served Thanksgiving Dinner.

Saturday, December 27, Barb left for California for the Tournament of Roses Parade. The UCLA campus was where the All-American Band was housed.

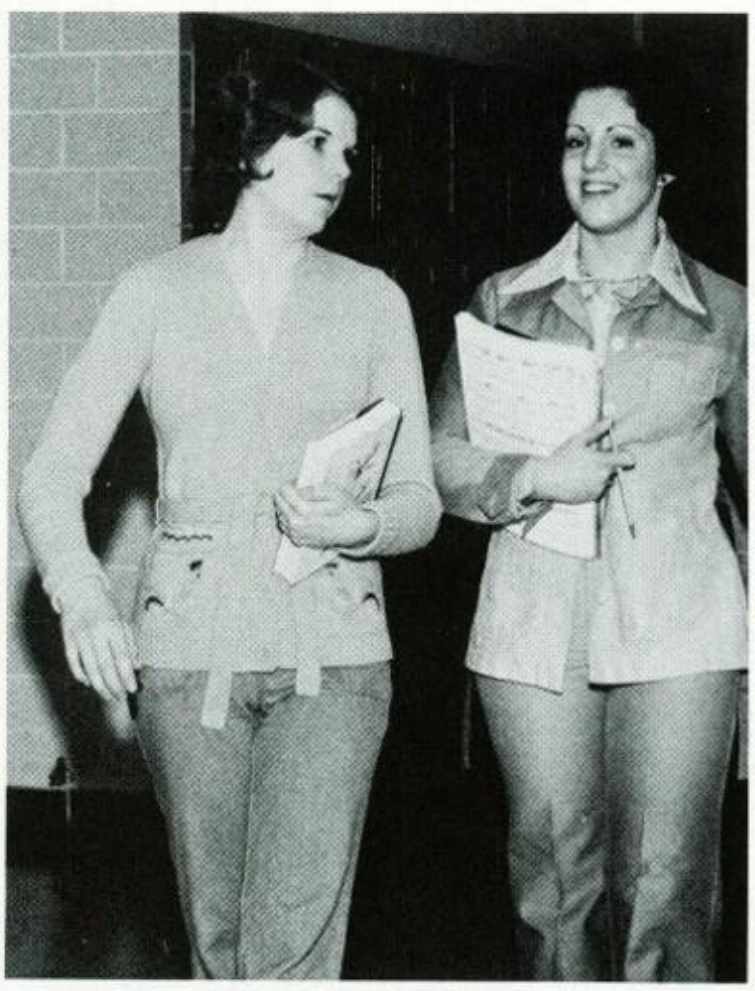
January 1, 1976 started a little too soon for 102 partied-out people, but with a little encouragement from the chaperones, they were all coaxed out of bed. In 70 degree weather the seven mile parade proved to be quite a work out. "The last night every one realized that it had all gone too fast. Many tears were shed and many good-byes were sadly spoken. As we looked back to November when we first met, we knew Paul LaValle was right when he said that 102 strangers would become friends. After living, eating, working and marching together for two weeks I think that 102 friends became 102 brothers and sisters. Those two weeks touched me in many ways and there's not a day that goes by that I don't think of some person or experience. It's something I will treasure always and never forget."

Students Receive High Honor

Standing: Karl Alberts, Kim Pharis, Tami Breitkreutz, Nancy Simundson, Barb Snyder, Florrinda Norris, Cheryl Helmer, Tammy Bahr. Seated: Barb Fransen, Patti Locke, Deb Zoellner, David Sieh, Loren Cutler, Betty Eichler and Dan Dorfschmidt.

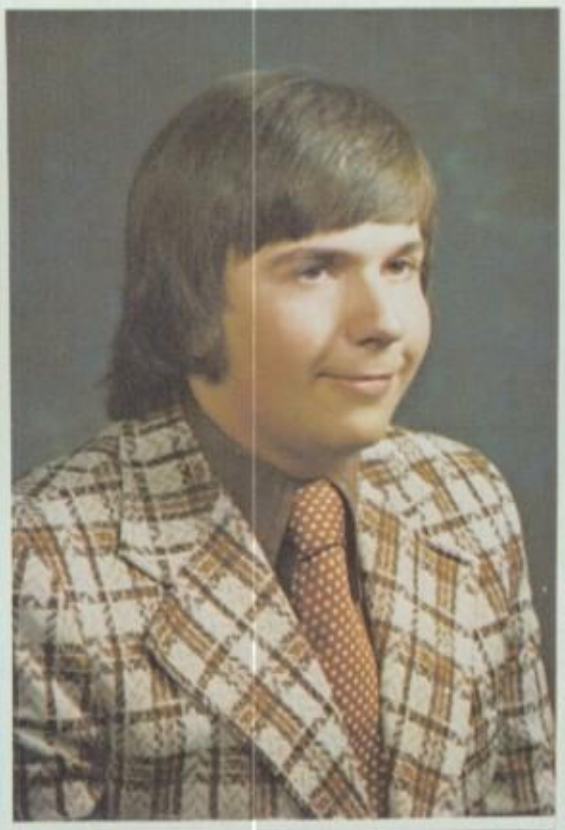
Nine new members were inducted to the National Honor Society when the Gold Key Chapter held its traditional candlelight initiation ceremony. Being selected into the organization is one of the highest honors the school offers. Students must maintain a B average throughout high school and display leadership, service and character. New members were Seniors, Loren Cutler and Barb Fransen; Juniors, Karl Alberts, Tammy Bahr, Tami Breitkreutz, Cheryl Helmer, Florrinda Norris, Kim Pharis and Nancy Simundson.

FRIENDS



Seniors

Michael Alberts
Dean Bahr
Randy Belden



Dale Baynton
Patricia Braxton
David Cutler

Loren Cutler
Douglas Daly
Lester Daly

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Jacolyn Kammerer

Karyl Knecht
Patti Locke

Vicki Luce

James Marske

Drew Markel
Pamela Merkel

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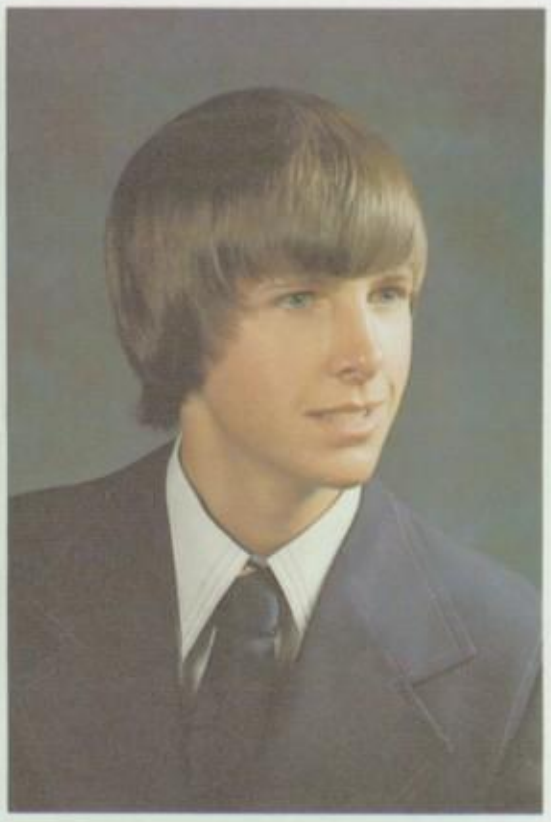
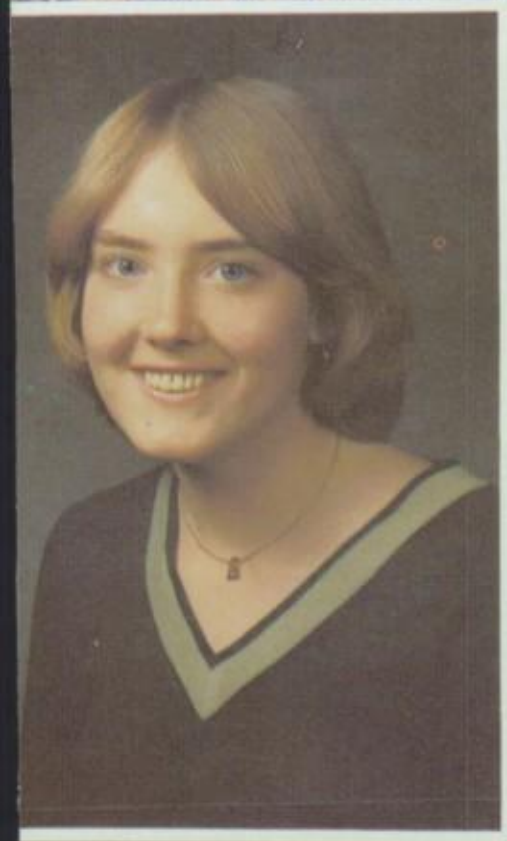


Steven Sundberg



Danette Taylor

Lars Tunby

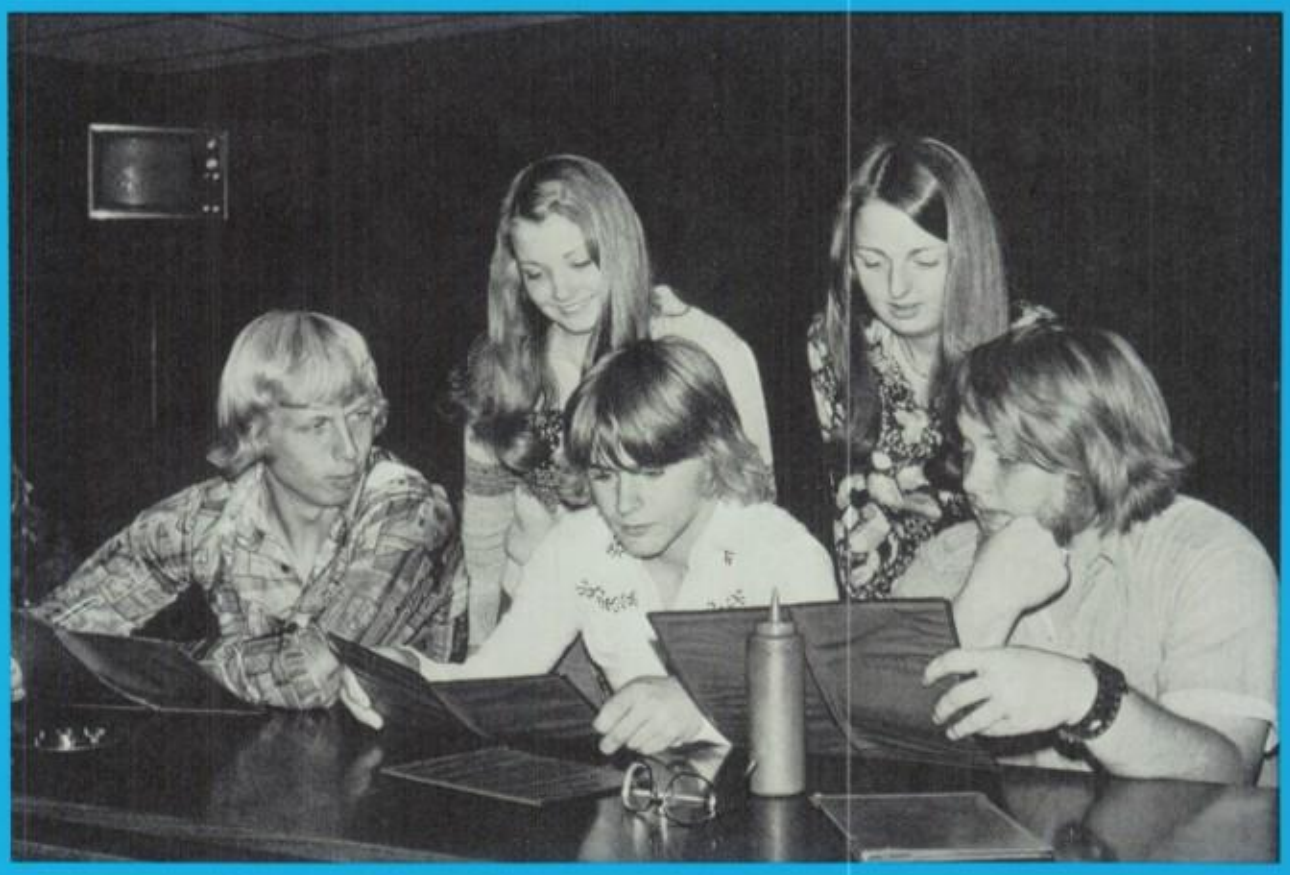
Jolene Weismantel

Ruth Weismantel

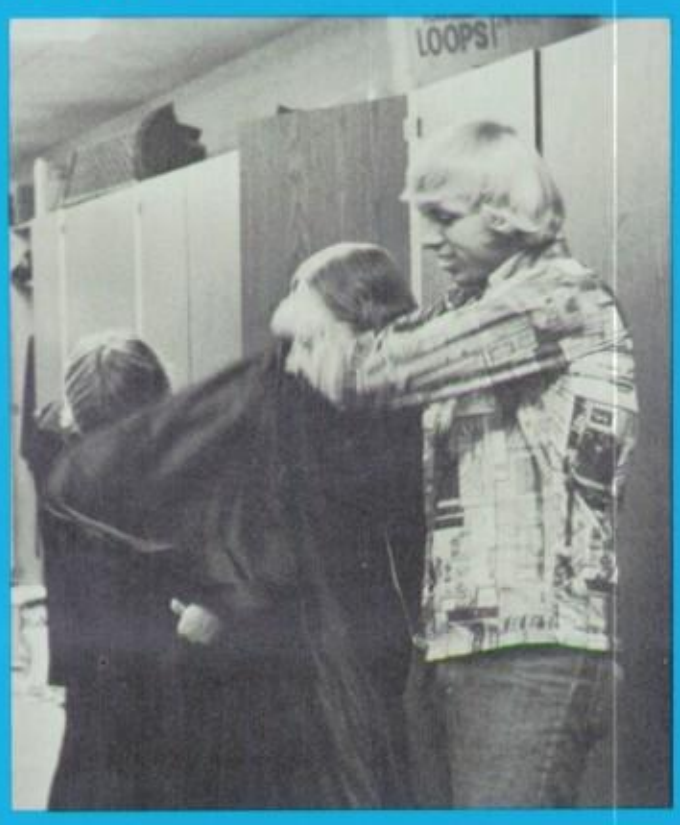
Teryl Wright

Debra Zoellner

"Spirit of '76" . . . Moves on!



Senior class President Jim Marske; Secretary, Ruth Ann Weismantel; Vice President, David Sieh; Treasurer, Betty Eichler; and Drew Markel, Student Council Representative.



With the combination of being selected as the most talented class and the biggest party-goers, the class of '76 moves on.

Some things cannot be put into words (on paper anyway) expressing all the good times we had together. Who will ever forget the weekend we beat Roncalli in basketball and became the State "B" Wrestling Champs?

There were also those band trips where you came to expect anything from being mooned to freezing to death. By the second week of February we all got spring fever, and began to count the days. We may be going our own ways soon, but we all remember proms, parties, the State "B", track, football, homecoming, taking possession of the senior lounge, and finally graduation.

Although many tears had been shed in the past four years, we outdid ourselves on May 18.

With all these memories, the "Spirit of '76" moves on!

Jr's Strive to Achieve Goals

Cheri Helmer, Treasure; Randy Bonn, Secretary; Mike Doeringsfeld, President; Don Cassels, Vice President; Lynda Siefkes, Student Council Rep.

The class of '77 has always been an active one, but now that we're Juniors and have assumed the role of "upper classmen," we seem to have become even more involved.

When the Junior class float took first place in the Homecoming Parade, we were immediately recognized by the other classes. And where were the Juniors when you suddenly became hungry during a home game??? In the concession stand, of course! The Juniors showed off their "hidden" talent in the play production of "Hillbilly Weddin." Prom preparations were a major concern, and all the hard work from class members paid off in the end.

As we prepare ourselves for bigger and better things, we'll never forget our Junior year.

Brian Ackerman

Karl Alberts

Karma Anderson

Tammy Bahr

Judy Baird

Robert Blair

Janene Bohling

Randy Bonn

Sheldon Braun

Tami Breirkreutz

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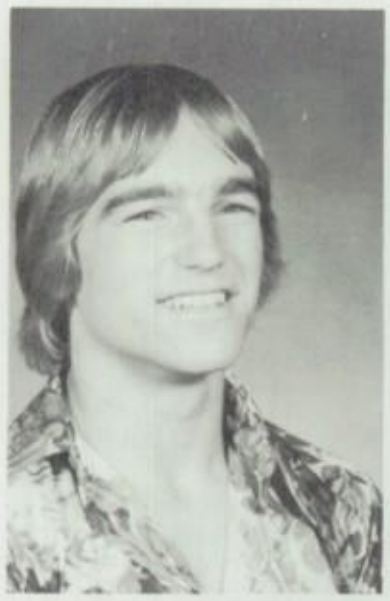

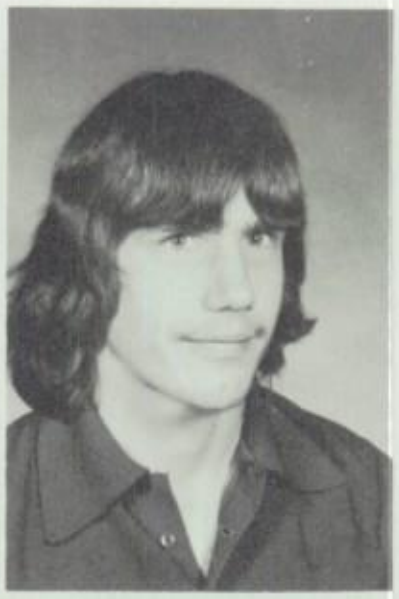

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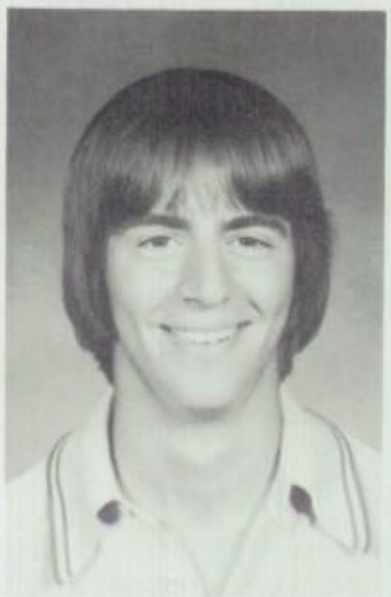

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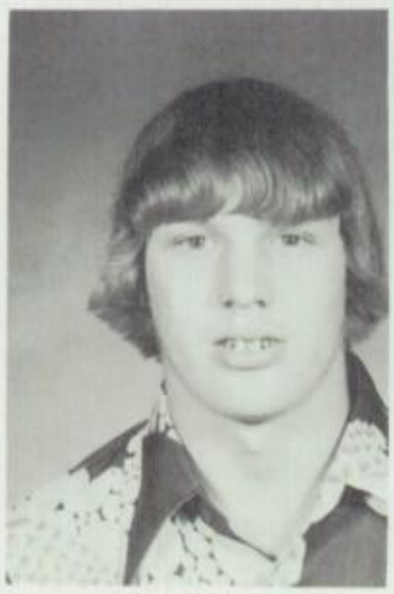
Brad Hanson
Bryon Hanson



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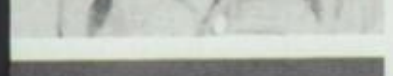

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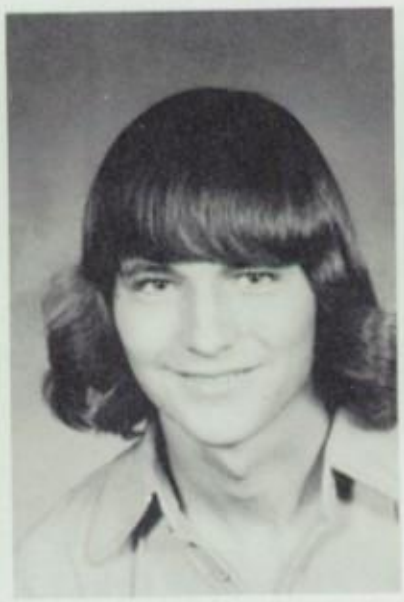
Ann Johnson
Daniel Johnson
Neil Johnson



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Rick Koehler
Allan Kroll

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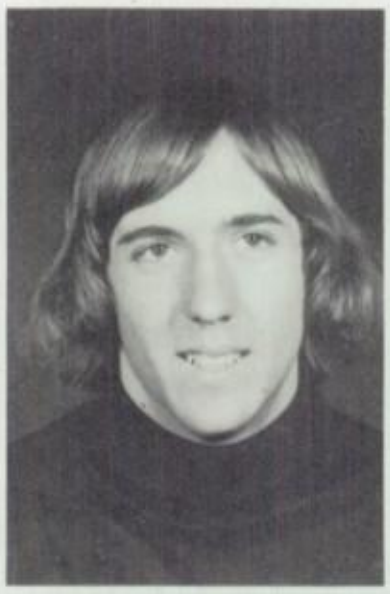
Dawn LaMee
Kelly Larsen
Randy Locke



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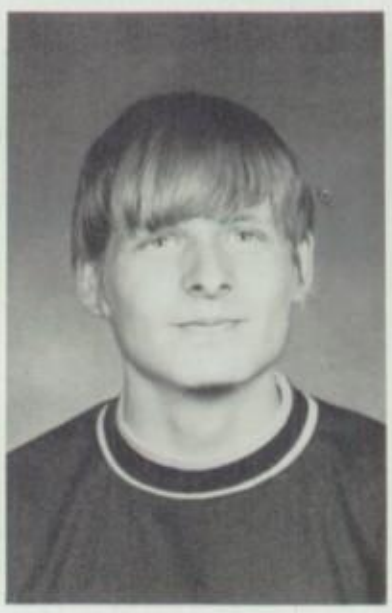

Joy Schuring

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'78 Sets Record

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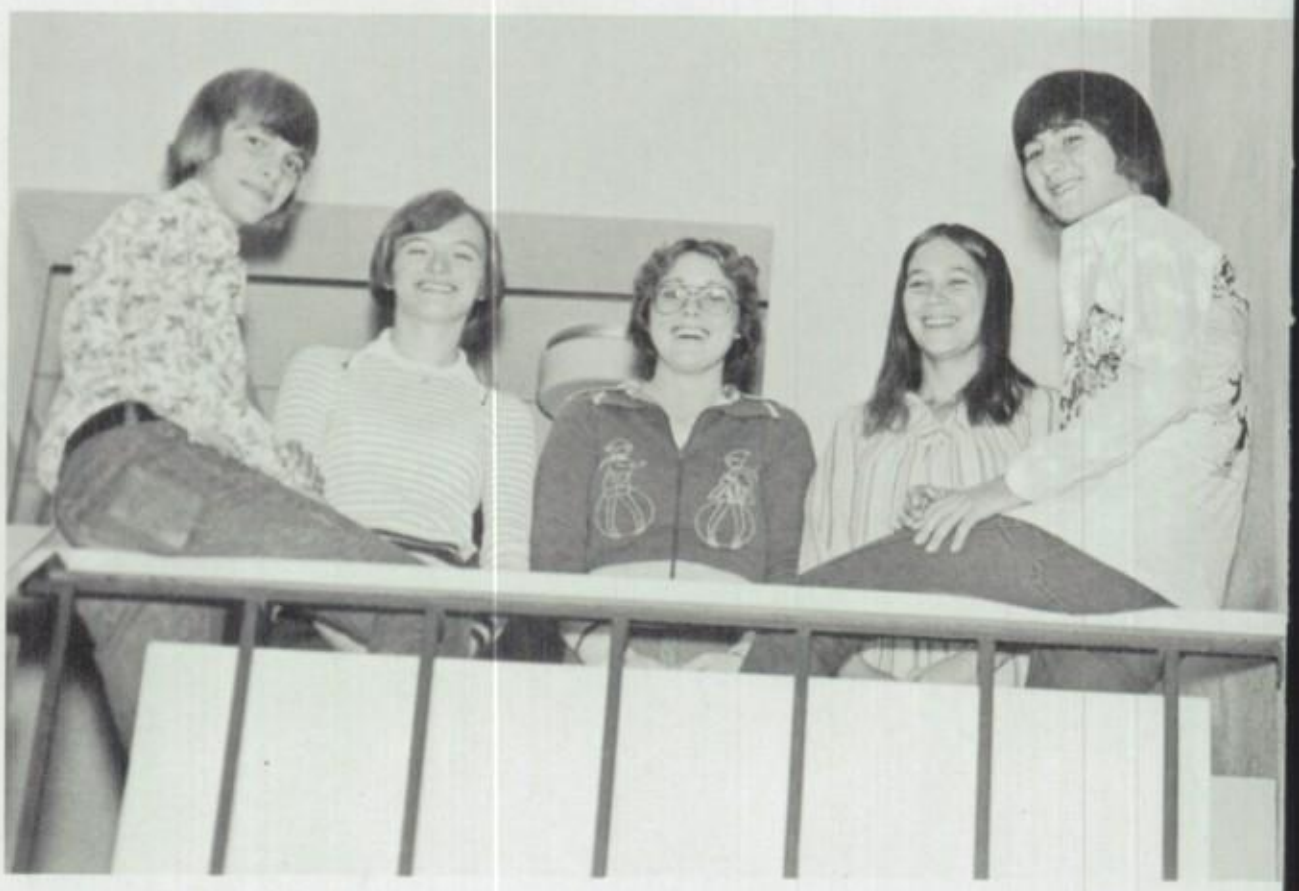

The class of '78 is the largest class in the history of Groton High School. Although we weren't in the spotlight all the time, we were just a step away. For those students in Biology, dissecting became an experience, even though it was one that was not always liked.

Along with managing good grades and keeping on the honor roll, the sophomore class some how found time to participate in extra-curricular activities. Leading them through these activities were From Left to Right, Darwin Kampa-Vice-Pres., Sheri Hochhalter-Student Council Representative; Melanie Culter-Treasurer; Sherry Dixon-Secretary; and Cliff Evans-President.

Brian Beldon

Jerry Blair

Betty Blondo

Andre' Bonn

Gaylon Braun

Carol Chell

Nancy Christensen

Tim Collins

Debbie Craig

Melanie Cutler

Tammy Cutler

Rodney Daly

Jim Davis

Sherry Dixon

Anne Dohman

Jim Dorfschmidt

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Greg Fransen
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Timothy Gravatt

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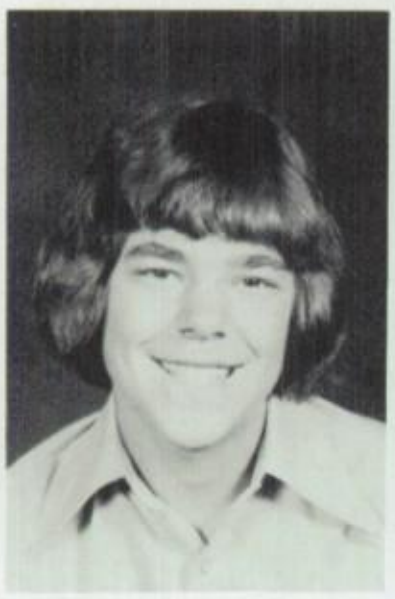
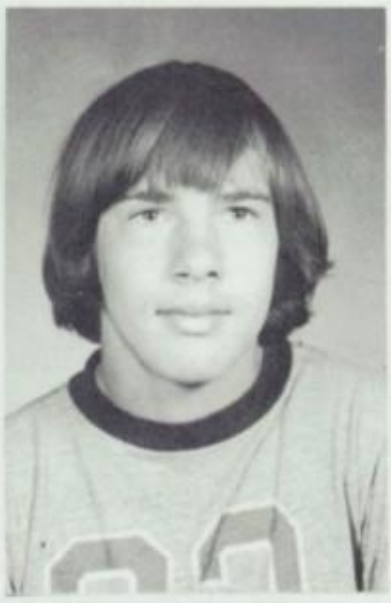


Derwin Kampa

Lee Krege

Donna Kroll



Douglas Krueger

Terry Kruse

Rich Kuske

Sandy Lemmon

Valerie Leonhardt

Lynne Locke

Timothy McKittrick

Gail McKiver

Melodee Martin

James Mortenson

Elmer Nash

Rosalie Nash

Michael Nehls

Tracy Nilsson
Denece Odland
Russell Olson
Jody Opp

Donald Pasch
Mark Pfitzer
Kurt Pigors
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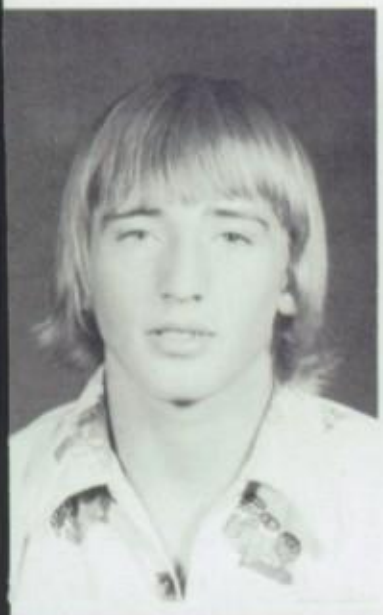

Rick Rossow

Janine Rudnick

Sherry Schaller

Rick Shelle

Jeff Seward

Kathy Sieh

Mike Skundberg

Kristy Snyder

Curt Solaas

Doug Sombke

Loy Stange

Mike Stoeckmann

Joe Taylor

Tim Waage

Tom Waage

Clarice Wagner

Kim Walter
Larry Weismantel
Arlin Wellman
Craig West

LuAnn Witlock
Scott Wolforth
Mark Yeske
William Zoellner
Not Pictured:
Charles Sundberg

Lynn Locke, Brett Neumann, and Carol Chell enjoy the pleasures of summer before returning to school.

Concentrating on their problem are Sherri Hochhalter and Sherri Schaller.

April Ackman

Alsa Alberts

Tim Albrecht

Carolyn Anderson

Clayton Bacon

Jeannine Bahr

Karen Baumgartner

Ronald Beldon

Julene Bonn

Tammy Boyton

Women's Lib Moves in

The class of "79" came into their Freshmen year with the spirit of bicentennial. They had lots of history to learn about high school. Even though learning was a big role for them, they had their own fun.

The Freshmen quickly fit into the life style of high school as they joined in many activities. But then there were also the adverse things like suffering the consequences of initiation, report cards, and the very popular title of "rookie".

Women's lib took over as they elected Linda Snyder as their president, who was also selected as Groton's Junior Snow Queen for 1976. Starting them off in their Freshmen year were Linda Snyder, Pres.; Bonnie Luce, Treasurer; Tim Albrecht, Student Council Rep.; Mike Simundson, Secretary; and John Clark as Vice President.

Kalli Breitkreutz
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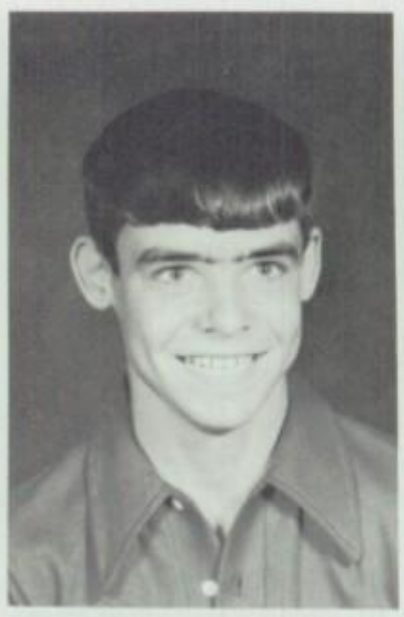
Gerald Daly
John Davis

Scott Dennert
Vicki Doeringsfeld
Arden Dohman
Tom Dylla



Scott Eisenbeisz
Robert Ferguson
Danny Fliehs
Gerald Gange

Leigh Ann Garness
Sandy Goldade
Kirk Hansen
Kelle Hein

Brenda James

Suzi Johnson

Julie Kroll

Landal Leonhardt

Suzi Leonhardt

Bonnie Luce

Penny McKittrick

Randy McKittrick

Mary Merkel

Grant Meyer

Violet Nash

Brett Neumann

Allan Norris

Becky Oliver

Robert Padfield

Cindy Padfield

Karla Pharis
Kip Pharis
Becky Pigors
Robert Pigors

Lori Price
Ellen Prunty
Ivey Pullan
Cynthia Purcell

Kevin Reed
Bret Ringgenberg
James Schinkel
Caroline Scheulke

Cora Schmidt
Scott Schuring
Wayde Schwarting
Michael Simundson

Linda Snyder

Arlin Stange

Von Stange

Renee Stanley

Elizabeth Stoeckmann

Lee Thompson

Beth Thompson

Lynn Vitense

Kim Volk

Valerie Wahl

Mark Walter

Jeffrey West

Nila Zoellner

Not Pictured:
Tim Adler
Terry Herron
Brent Red Bird

Jr. High

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8B Back Row: Bruce May, Marty Benda, Toby Erickson, Roger Sperry, Terry Thorson, Dean Sombke. Third Row: Lowell Harms, David LaMee, Bryan Red Bird, Rod Zastrow, John Maines, Second Row: Wayne Baumgartner, Ronda Ackerson, Brenda Bauer, Jean Cutler, Meri Sippel, Cary DeBilzan. First Row: Veronica Grajczyk, Rhonda Knudsen, Peri Erdmann, Lilly Farmen, Jan Belden.

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Erudite Teachers Pass on Knowledge

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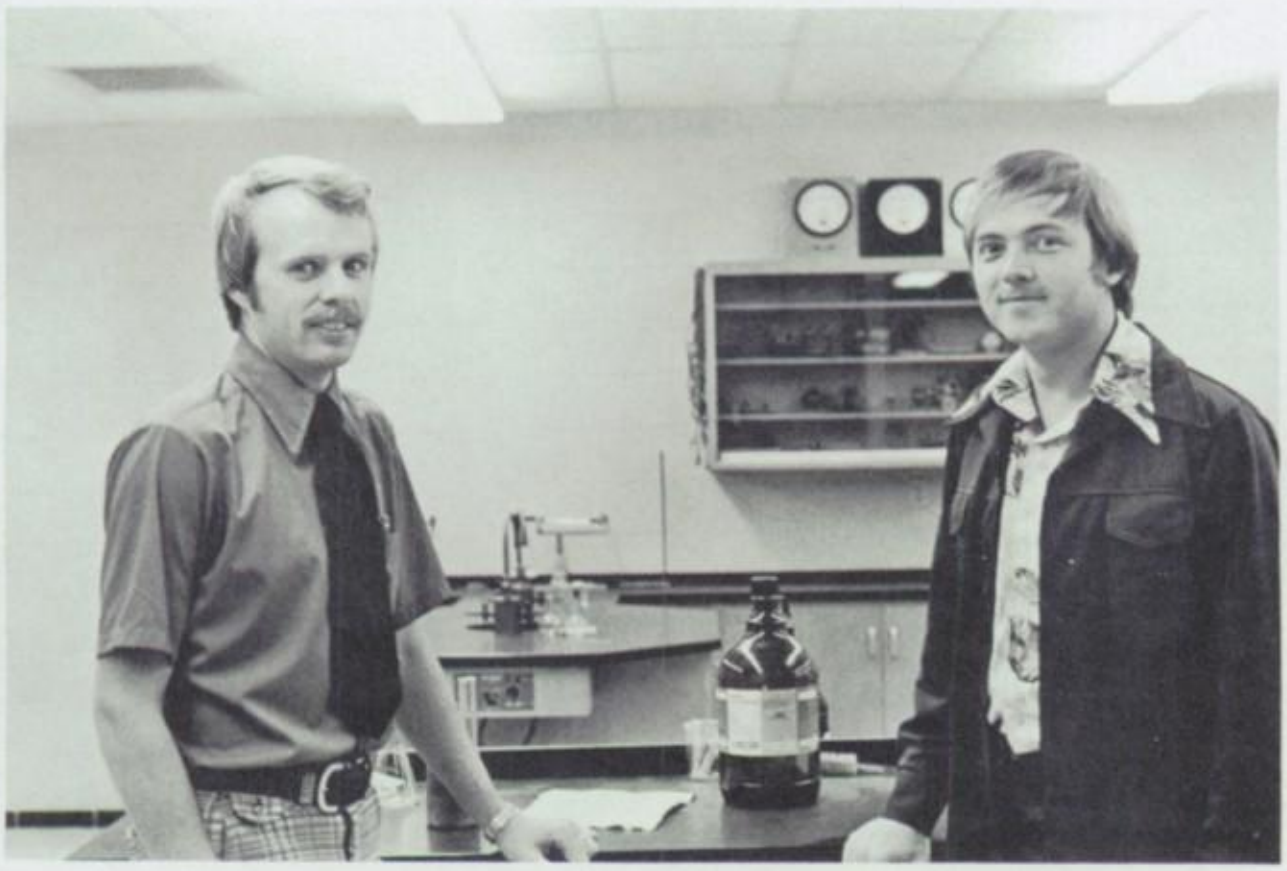
Social Studies, Reading, 8th Class Advisor B.S.



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Dakota State College
Phy. Science, Chem., B.-
Basketball Coach, B.S.

Doug Peterson
S.D.S.U.
Biology, 7th Science, Cross
Country, B.S.

Sandra Bistodeau
N.S.C.
Math, English, Prom Adv.,
B.S.

Karen Lane
N.S.C.
Math, Physics, 8th Adv., B.S.

Richard Donovan
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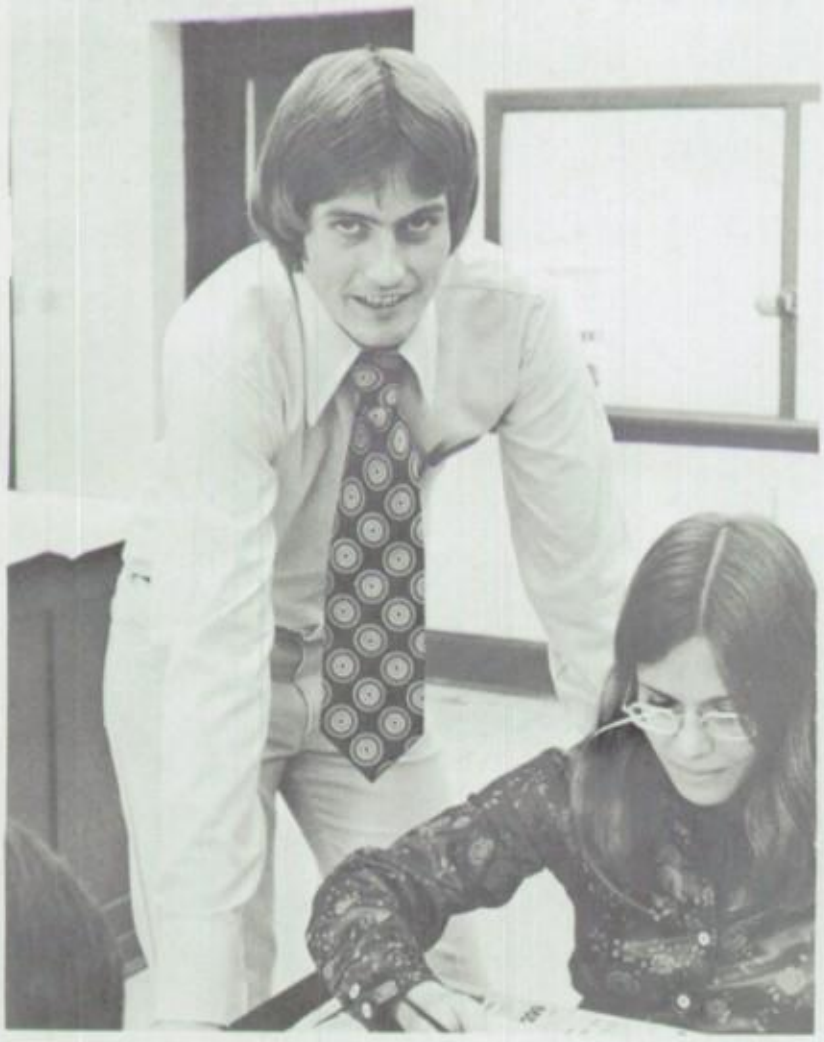
FB & Track, B.S., M.S.



Tom Heilman
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Sylvia Karnopp
N.S.C.
Jr. Hi English & Reading, B.S.

Bobby Dubs
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Social Sci., Health, Phy Ed.,
Athletic Director, Head FB,
Track, Grade BB, G Club.

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Soph. Adv., B.S.

Lauren Harrison
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Typing, Shorthand, Bus. Law &
Math, B.A.

Irene Beldon
N.S.C.
V.B., Accounting, Soph. Adv.,
B.S., M.S.

Gaylor White
U.S.D.
Guidance & Counseling, Honor Society, Sen. Class,
B.S., M.A.

Dennis Dafoe
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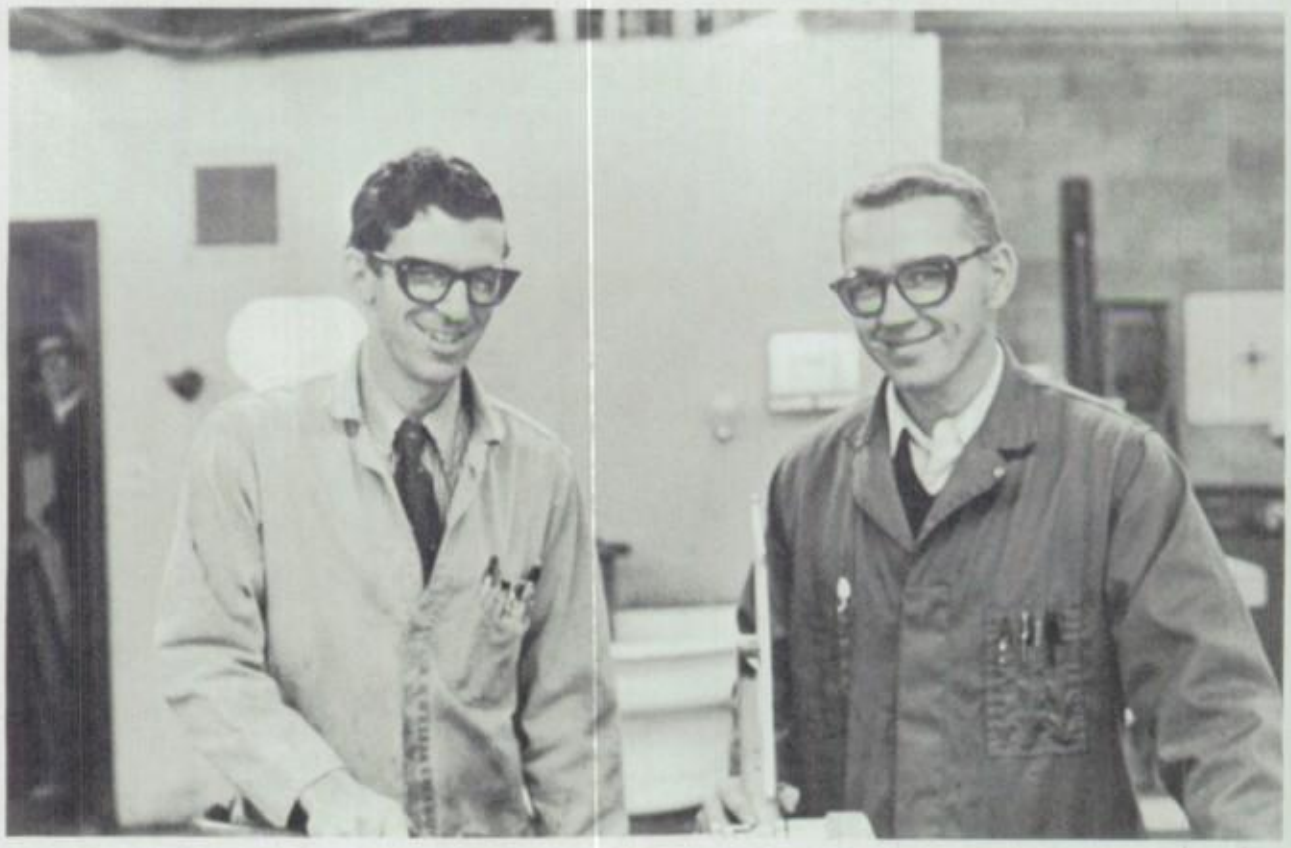

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Jr. Class Concessions, B.S.

Donald Donley
Moorehead State, Minn.
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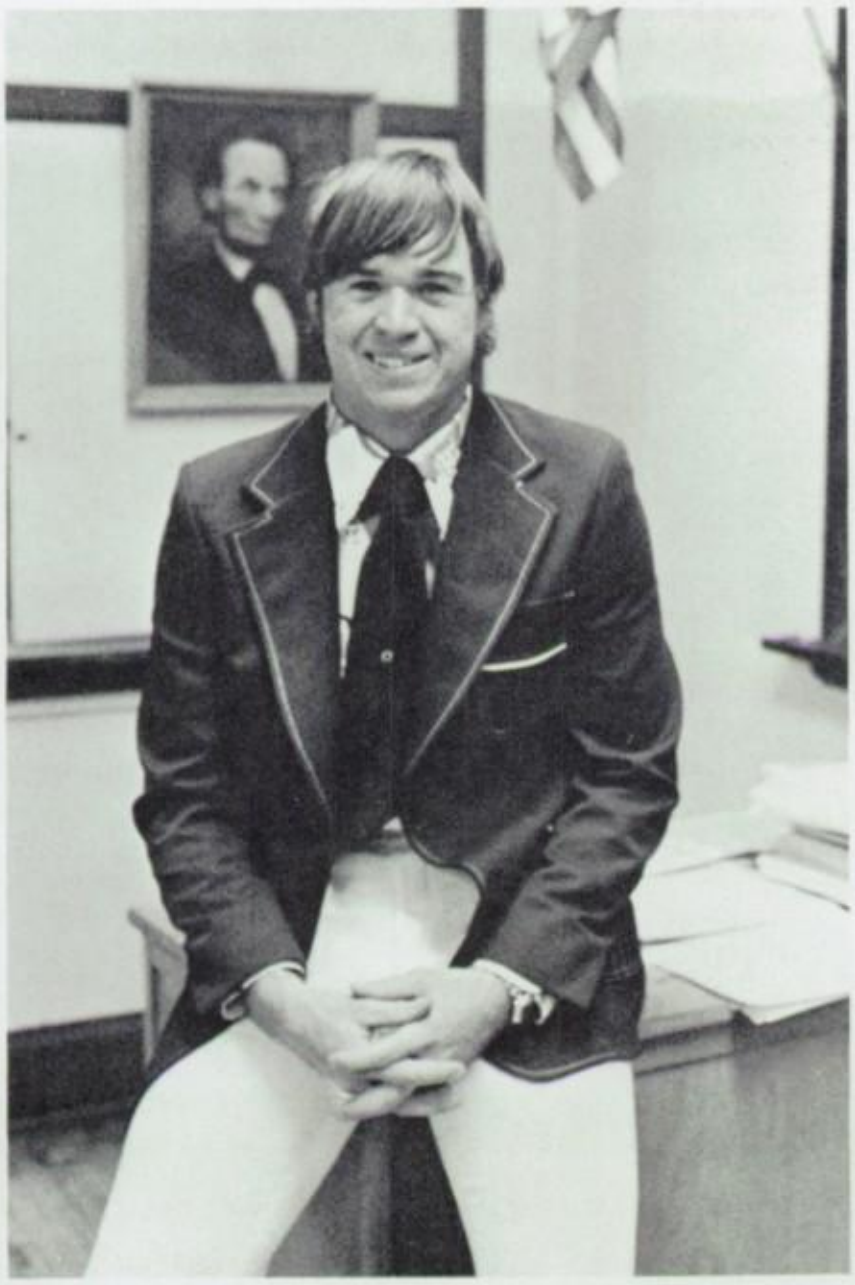

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N.S.C., U. Of Northern Colorado
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Sheryl Baloun
N.S.C.
English, B.S.

On lookers Connie Morehouse and Tammy Bahr are observing the contents of the test tube, or are they??

Mary Marion
Drake U.
Vocal Music, Music Ed., Jr. High Reading, Chamber Choir, M.A.

Jackie Hanson
N.S.C.
Phy. Ed., Reading, Coach Girls' Basketball, Gymnastics, Track, B.S.

John Westby
Aug. N.S.C.
Govt., Econ., Speech, History, Debate, M.S.

Barbara Wegner
U. of Minn., N.S.C.
English, Jr. Class Play, B.S., M.S.

Alvin Picotte
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Eng., Spanish, Cub Tiger, All-School Play, B.S.

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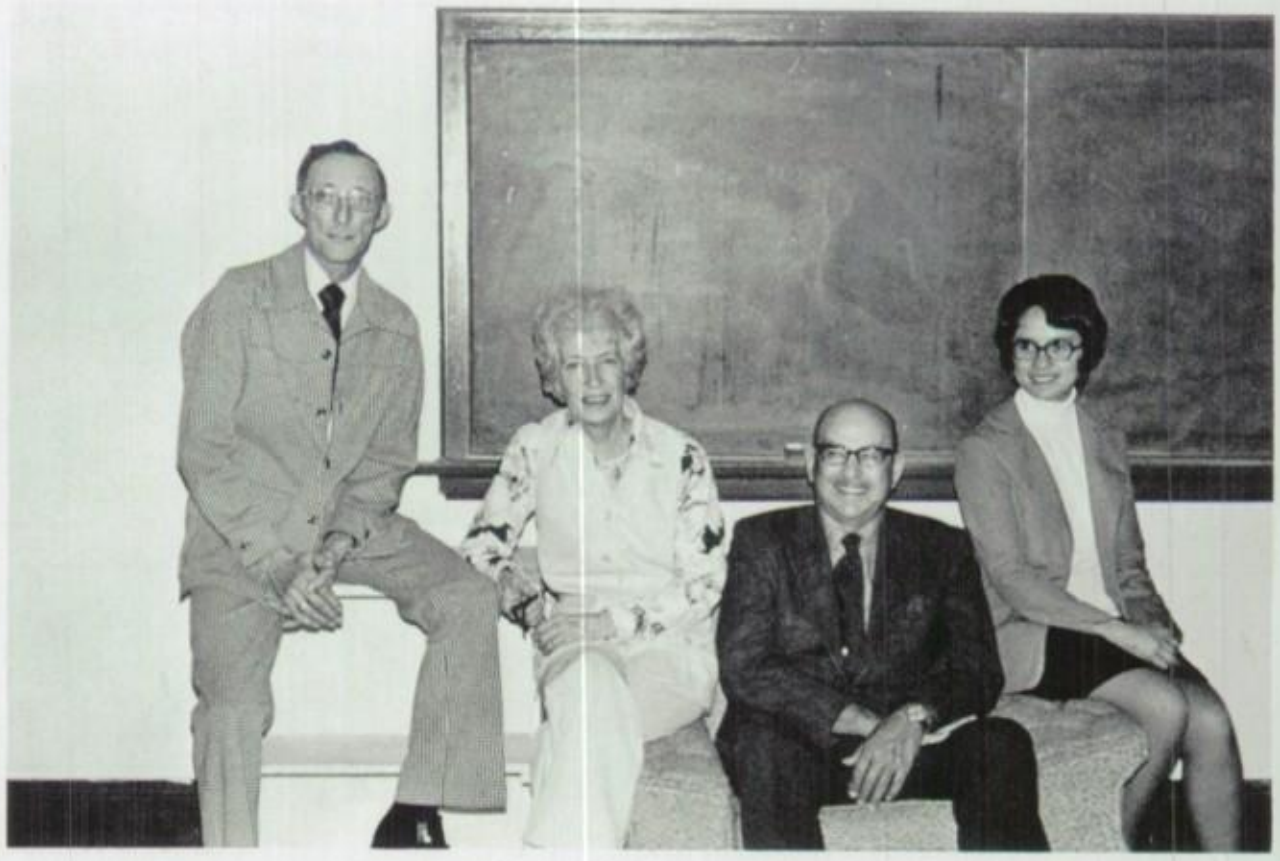

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1A Back Row: Jon Fryer, Troy Doeden, Brad Rountree, LaRae Larson, Cassie Ackman, Cindy Strom, Lisa McKittrick, Jan Dylla. Second Row: Todd Krueger, Randy Seibert, Paul Germann, Grant Hayenga, Kolin Hoops, Duane Johnson, Ricky Enger, Darren Locke. First Row: Paul Taylor, Ron Young, Darren Reasy, Troy Felch, Beth Hendrickson, Curtis Merkel, Tommy Strom. Not Pictured: Collette Baker, Duane Hinman.

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Back Row: Doug Sippel, Stacy Ott, Mike Stiklestad, Mrs. Biersbach, Jennie Paepke, Terri Strom, Gary Labs. Second Row: Glenn Lawson, Debbie Stauch, Kevin Aesoph, Jill Doeden, Kevin Krueger, Kevin Fuehrer, Ron Dobberpuhl, David Blackmun. First Row: Shane Felch, Corey Schinkel, Richard Seibert, Rosalie Martin, Jim Jones, Loren Helmer, Steve Dohman.

Kindergarten A.M.

Back Row: Roberta Zoellner, Traci Sundling, Chris Eikamp, Becky Craig, Tammy Fisher, Joelle Aesoph, Sheila Garness, Buffy Maines. Second Row: Terry Kenny, LeRoy Farmen, Dale Strom, Greg Keeler, Kyle Stange, Keith Baker, Steven Kuske, Jamie Howard, Lon Craig. First Row: Bob Anderson, Chad Lehman, Mark Johnson, Tim Thurston, Doug Stange, Kevin Dubs, Scott Krueger. Teacher: Mrs. Oliver.

Kindergarten P.M.

Back Row: Rita Sippel, Christi Freeland, Jill Hanson, Sherri Voss, Diane Dohman, Sonda Donley, Lisa Thoreson, Paula Pray, Rhonda Meister. Second Row: Nancy Helmer, Mark Wagner, Tommy Kramin, Andy Paulson, Chuck Voss, Jeff Baird, Miki Schaller. First Row: Vernon Lutz, Kerry Tullis, Todd Larson, Troy Bahr, Randy Ragatz, Jay Dylla. Not Pictured: Missy Pusl, Lynette Stulken, Tina Hinman, Jeff Wells. Teacher: Mrs. Oliver.

Special Aides

Back Row: Mrs. DeWitt, Mrs. Washnok, Mrs. Doeringsfeld, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Kampa. Front Row: Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Dean.

Below: Mrs. Nehls, music and P.E. teacher for Groton and Columbia Elementary.

Below: Mrs. Dubs specializes in the field of "learning disabilities."

Below: Mrs. Harr is Title 1 math teacher.

Below: Mrs. Nelson is Title 1 reading teacher. Not Pictured is Mrs. Graff who specializes in general remedial work.

Columbia Elementary

Kindergarten

Back Row: Ryan Kurtz, Ian Blade, Micky Wolff, Sheldon Gilchrist, Doyle Fisk, Carson Larson, Eric Daly, Dustin Buntrock, Roger Vetter. Teacher: Mrs. Kramer. Front Row: Michelle Wermerson, Shannon Wright, Julie James, Rachelle Yeske, Shana Wright, Tracie Roettele. Not Pictured: Ross Buntrock, Dawn Weismantel.

1st

Back Row: Rhona Millim, Mrs. Dell, Vicki DeHoet, Stacey Schearting, Jason Yeske. Front Row: Brenda French, Alois Vetter, Rena Sieber.

2nd

Back Row: Carla Dennert, Susan Baumgartner, Nina DeHoet, Wendy Jansen, Mrs. Daly, Kaelyn Hansen, Ricci Miller, Michael Fisk, Todd Herseth. Front Row: Kristi Kurtz, Jana Zastrow, Shad Albrecht, Stephan Wright, Nancy Vitense, Jeannie Wylie, Tim Fredrick.

3rd

Back Row: Mrs. Dell, Mrs. Daly. Middle Row: Shawna Mitchell, Marilyn Daly, Andrea Zastrow, Bridget James, Pamela Bair. Front Row: Russell Wright, Mark Ringgenberg, Lee Hanson, John James, Shane Buntrock, Kyle Bell.

4th & 5th

Back Row: Joylynn Smilloff, Lorie Bohling, Vicki Jansen, Mrs. Thayer, Loren Hanson, Andy Vetter, Mrs. Kramer, Lisa Herrmann, Pam DeHoet, Francis Baumgartner. Middle Row: Gayleen Sieber, Scott Meints, Jesse Zastrow, Pam Roettele, Cindy Baumgartner, Paul Daly, Cherie Albrecht. Front Row: Shirley Daly, Lisa Dennert, Gina French, Kim Vetter, Brenda Bair, Randall Kurtz. Not Pictured: Lars Hanson.

Helping Lisa Dennert, Pam Roettele and Loren Hanson is Mrs. Tahyer.
At Left is Darlys Kruse, teacher's aide.

Superintendent James Stoeckmann

Principal Eugene Kammerer

Elementary Principal William Ganje

The Presidents and Their Cabinet Members

Student Council

Back Row: Lynda Siefkes, Linda Snyder, Mike Harry, Mike Doeringsfeld, Jim Marske, Tim Albrecht, Deb Zoellner. Front Row: Sheri Hochhalter, Cliff Evans, Drew Markel, Dave Doeringsfeld, Kim Pharis and Betty Eichler.

School Board

Don Dennert, Dennis Larson, Bob Wegner, Gerald Rix, Arden Rix, Alvin Abeln, Hazel Sundberg, Margaret Hubbard and Lloyd Pigors. Not Pictured: Merle Hanson and Bob Schuring.

A Longer Day

Students think they put in a long day at school, but they don't stop to realize that the cooks, custodians and bus drivers put in an even longer day.

Without our cooks there would be a lot of hungry kids around noon time. For those of us who are not fortunate enough to have our own car or access to one can always rely on the bus drivers for our transportation. Who else would be there to open the gate for those late night workers and sweep up the mess after the announcement in the morning bulletin of a locker check, but the janitors?

At Right: Bus driver and Columbia custodian, Bill Kruse.

COOKS: Jennifer Froehle, Mary Donovan, Supervisor Irene Torguson, Betty Paulowski, Fern Ries, Marion May. Not Pictured: Ella Weihrauch, Lena Oshmann, Mabel Jorgensen.

Top Left; STUDENT JANITORS: Florrinda Norris, Julie Hostetter, Steve Luce, Ken Dean, Rick Herther. Not Pictured: Drew Markel. ELEMENTARY CUSTODIANS, Center, Harvey Dorfschmidt and Paul Kauffman. HIGH SCHOOL CUSTODIANS, Left, Eugene Neuman, Al Knapp, Bill Lovell. BUS DRIVERS, Above, Marilyn Thorson, Carroll Dean, Harvey Dorfschmidt, Otho Rix, Eugene Neuman, Bill Lovell, Lyle Blair, Don Donley, Loren Bahr, Vera Weisenberger and Romeo Martin. COLUMBIA COOKS, Above, Marion Daly and Ruth Johnson.

Principals Secretary: Mrs. Jane Gravatt.

Superintendent Secretary: Mrs. Margaret Hubbard.

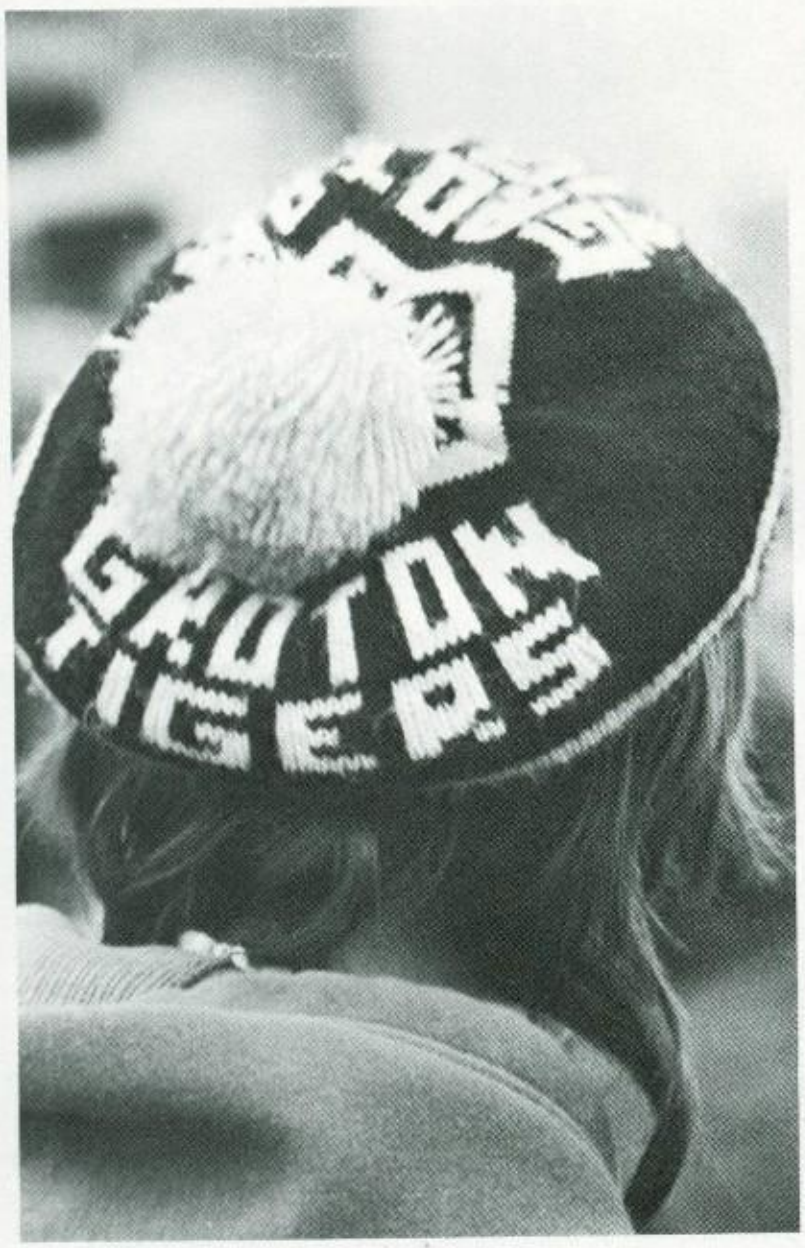
Every Office Needs a Secretary

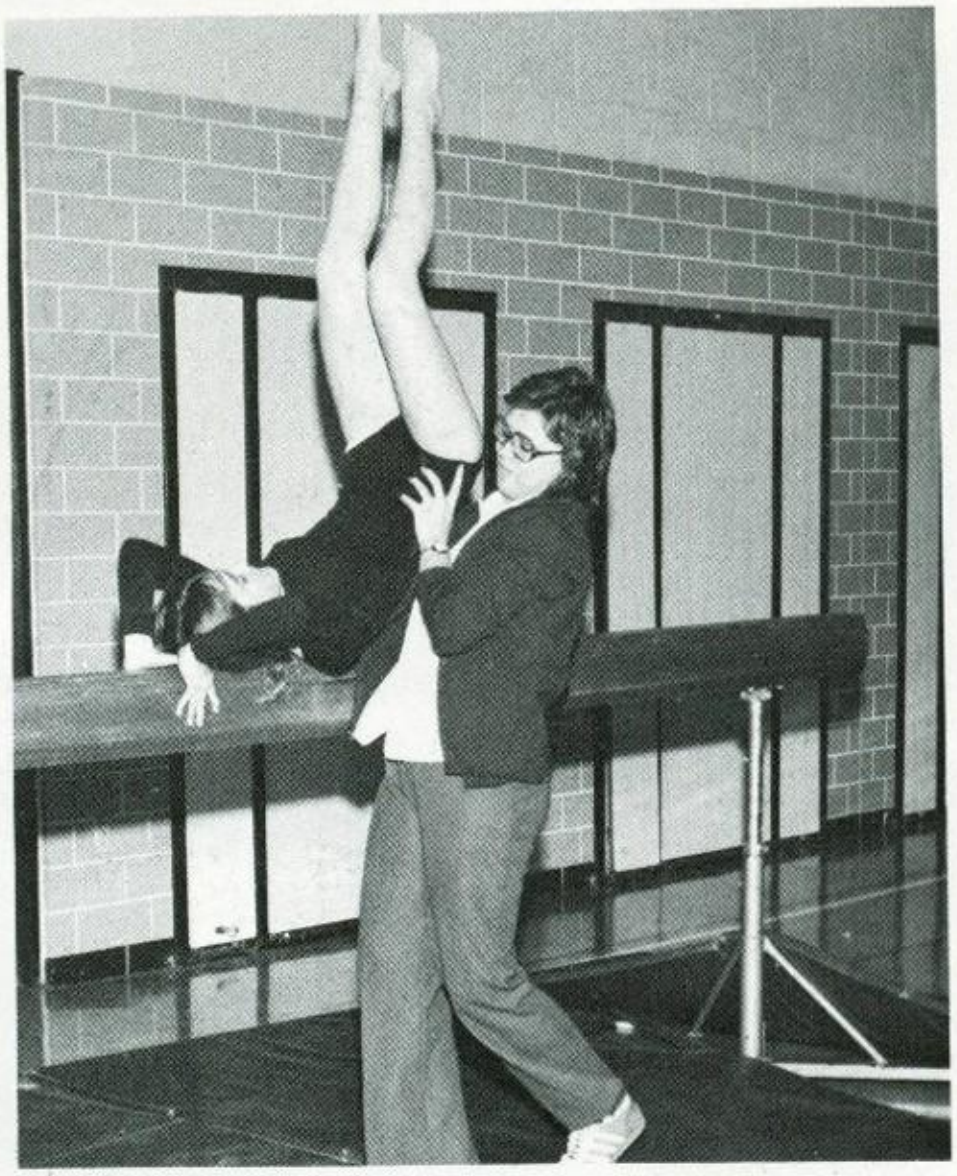
Every office needs a secretary and these three ladies have taken on this responsibility. They have the limitless tasks of punching lunch tickets, delivering messages, and doing piles of paper work.

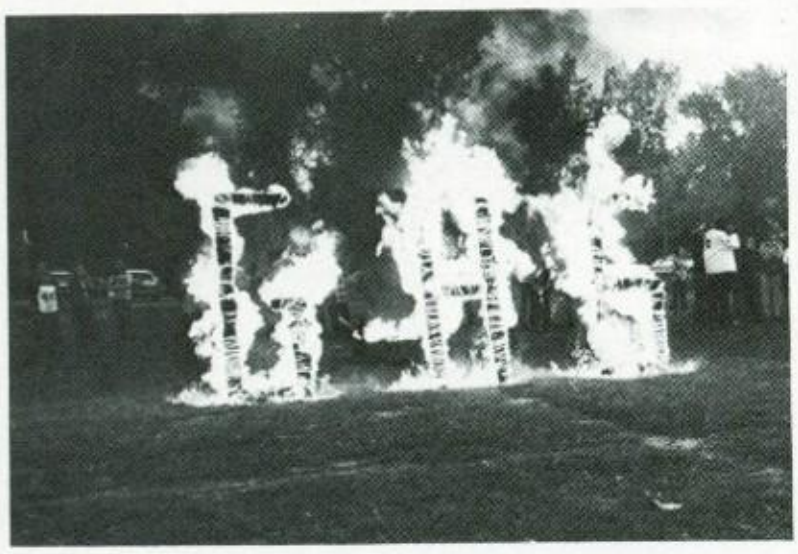
These ladies should be given recognition for the outstanding job they have done.

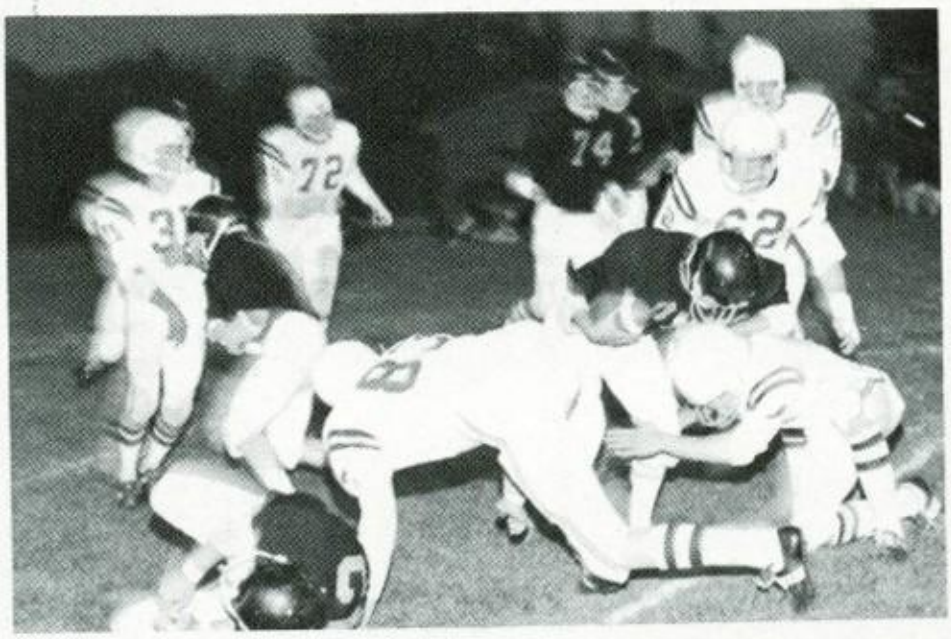
Elementary Secretary: Mrs. Helen Dresbach.

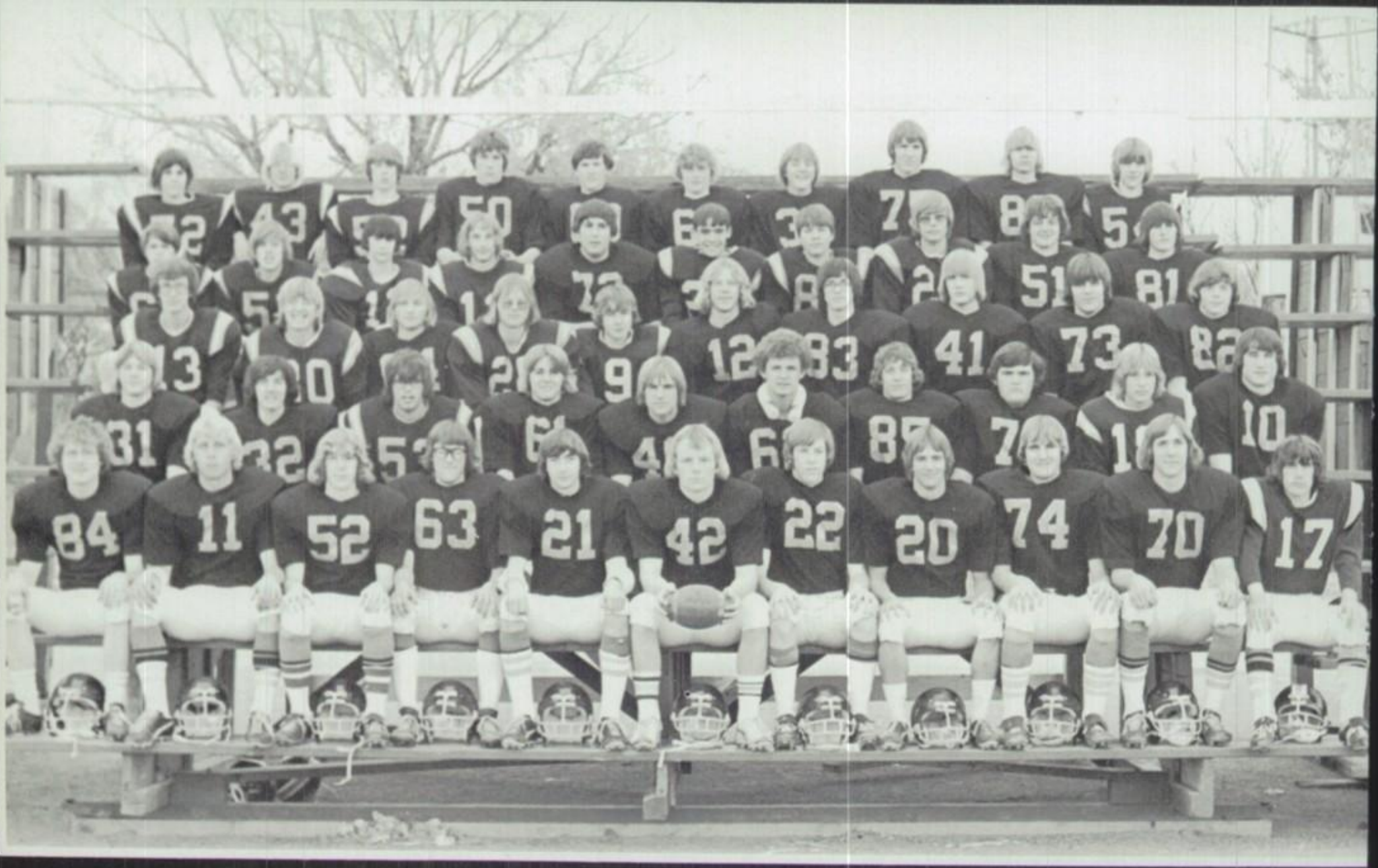
ATHLETICS











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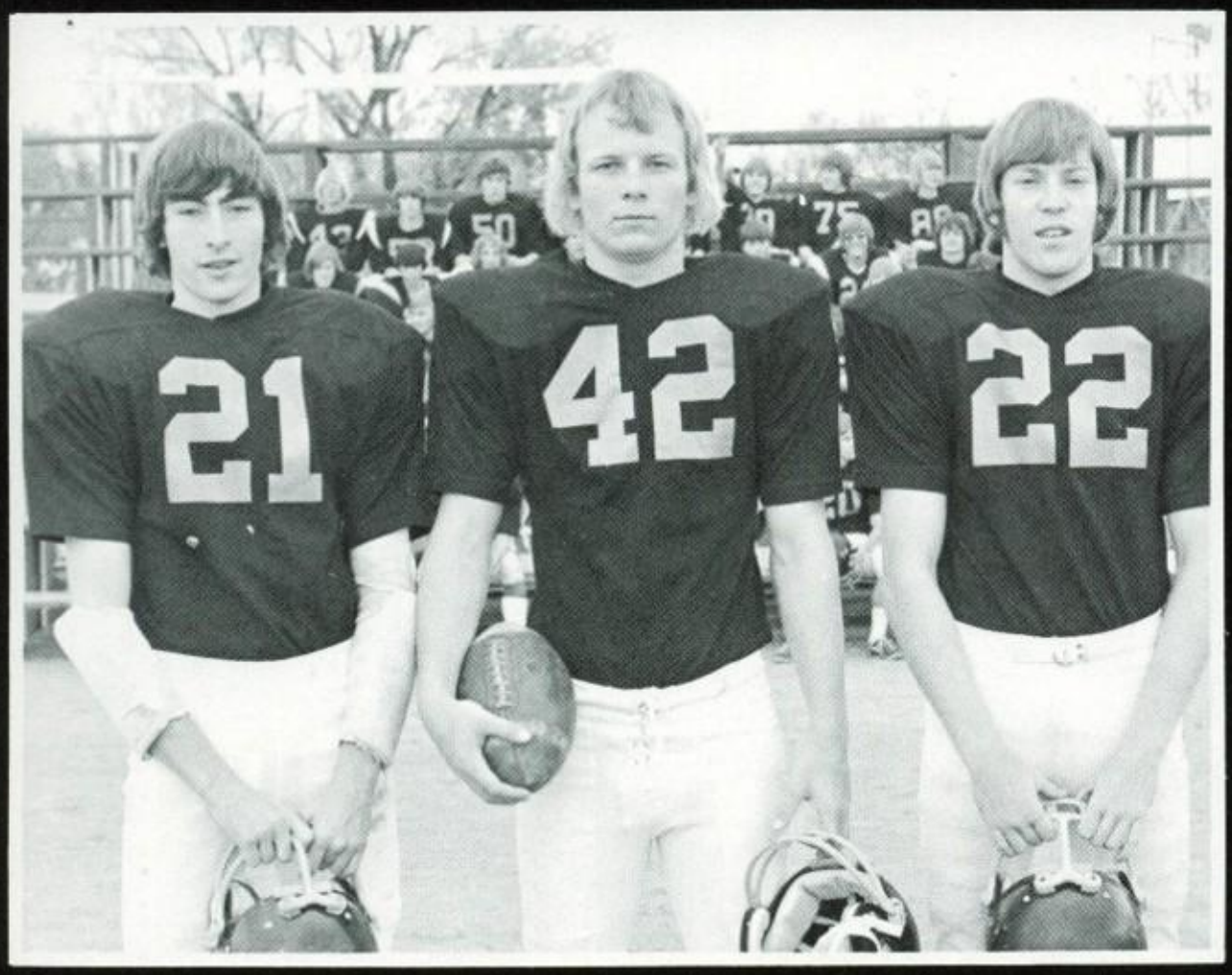
Muscles + Determination = Tigers

The janitors had not even finished putting the final coat of wax on the hallways, before the football players were practicing for the upcoming season. In 100 degree heat, and a practice field with no grass, over 50 boys began two workouts a day, wearing off some of that summer fat, and strengthen any muscles that many had accumulated around the waistline.

Coach Bobby Dub's gridders again put together a strong Northeast Conference powerhouse, but many other schools also fielded equally as strong of teams, and the Tigers at times were left on the short end of the scoreboard.

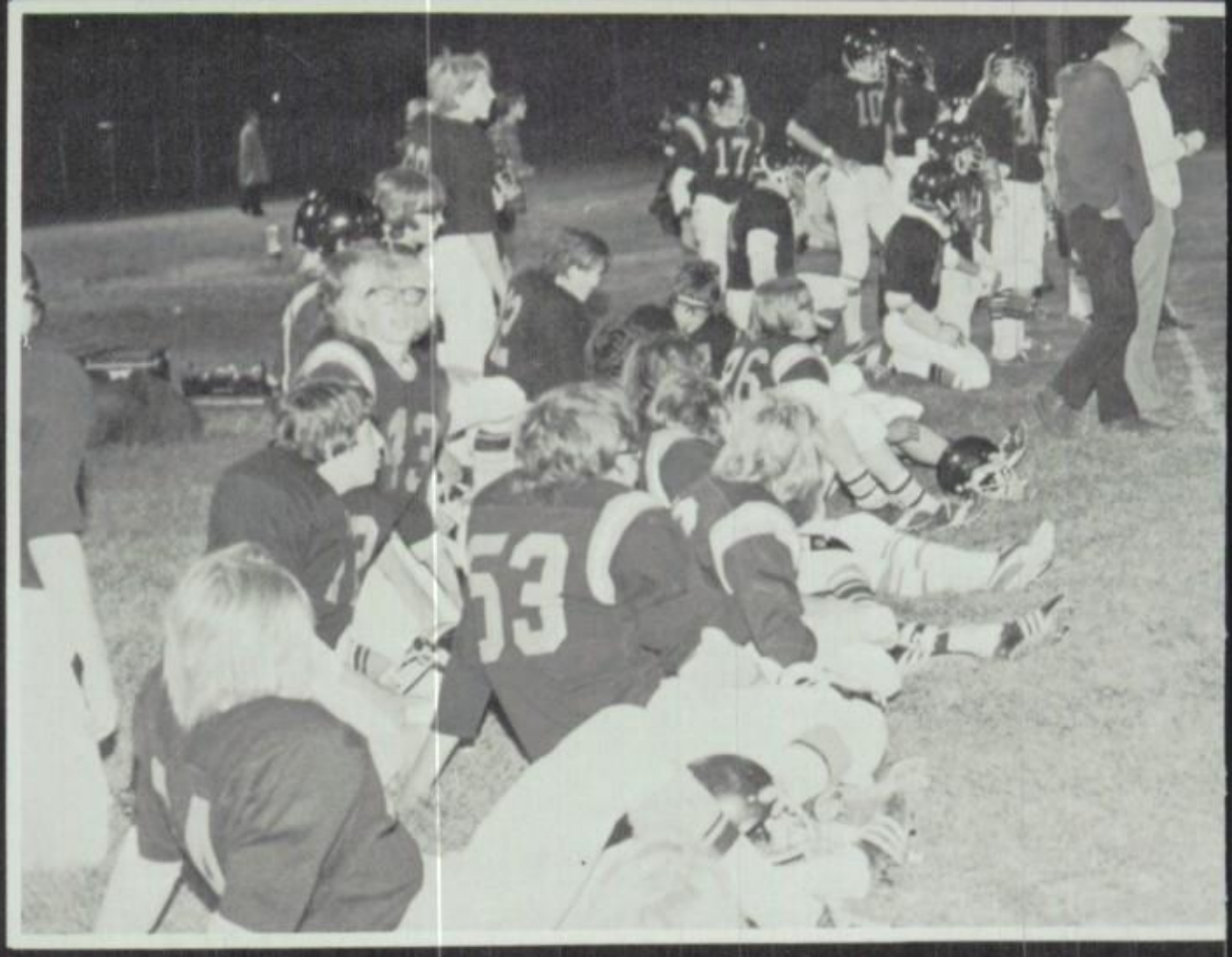
The Tigers were led by Tri-Captains Marc Johnson, Danny Dorfschmidt, and Chuck Dresbach, who were the nucleus for a young team that will be back in the realms of the always strong Northeast Conference.

1975-76 Football cheerleaders were Ann Johnson, Sharon Fliehs, Deb Zoellner, Janene Bohling, Kim Pharis.



Tri-Captains Dan Dorfschmidt, Marc Johnson, and Chuck Dresbach.

Even though you're not out on the field, you're involved in the game in many ways.

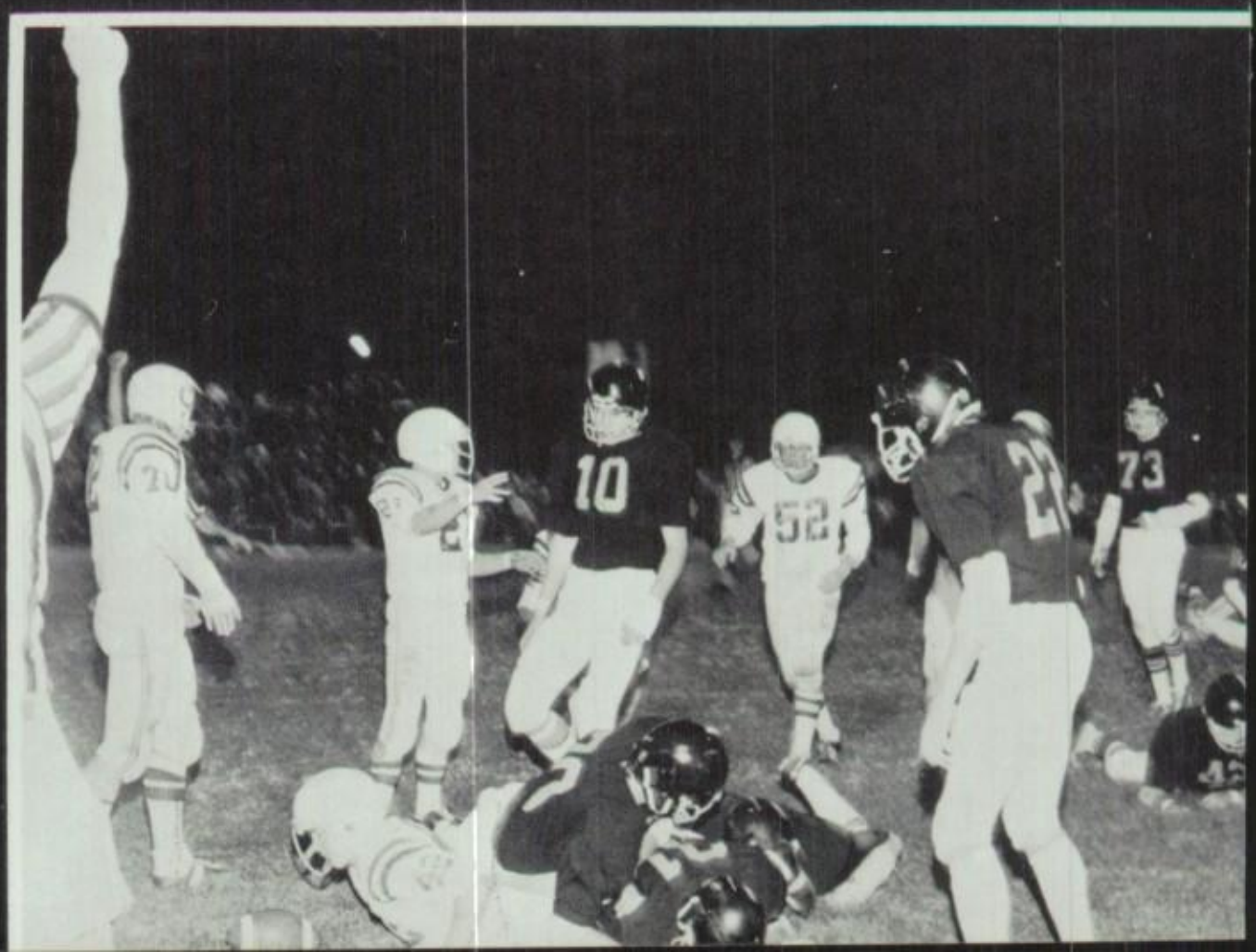


Football Scoreboard

WE		THEY
24	Northwestern	6
34	Eureka	20
0	Webster	2
14	Clark	8
6	Sisseton	34
0	Redfield	24
6	Roncalli	24
--	Britton	--
18	Milbank	0

By the look on Janene Bohling's face you can tell Homecoming was kindling with excitement as the football game drew near.

One more tackle on the way to a Homecoming victory.



Back Row: Mr. Peterson. Middle Row: Charles Dirks, Mike Nehls, Jim Schinkel, John Clark, Scott Schuring, Ken Dean, Dave Cutler. Front Row: Tom Waage, Bobby Pigors, Von Stange.

Truckin' Across the Country

The Groton Cross Country team had a good year despite having a young team. Senior Dave Cutler and Junior Ken Dean led the Tigers throughout the season. Dave was selected "most valuable runner" and Ken "most improved" by the team. Both Dave and Ken participated in the State Cross Country meet at Brookings.

The Varsity team of Dave Cutler, Ken Dean, Charles Dirks, and Tom Waage placed third in the Northeast Conference Cross Country meet and sixth in the region. Dave Cutler placed eleventh and Ken Dean twelfth in the conference.

The Junior Varsity team made up of Freshman Scott Schuring, Jim Schinkel, Von Stage, and John Clark placed second in the Northeast Conference, the Waubay Invitational and first in the Bristol Invitational. Scott Schuring placed fifth in the conference, Jim Schinkel sixth, Von Stange ninth, and John Clark fifteenth. Scott Schuring was selected the most valuable Junior Varsity runner.

Girls Capture 3rd Place

The "A" team, coached by Mrs. Hanson, led the Tigerettes to a third place position in the district tournaments. The team captains were Vicki Luce and Carla Hansen. The team voted Sheri Hochhalter best defensive player and April Ackman most improved player. Carla Hansen was the leading rebounder and Donna Kroll had the best free-throw average. The "B" team, coached by Linda Locken, had a record of seven wins and nine losses.

At Right are the cheerleaders for the girls. Top Row: Linda Snyder and Mary Merkel. Middle Row: Becky Oliver and Brenda James. Front Row: Kathy Sieh and Vicki Doeringsfeld.

"A" Below: Sherry Schaller, Janet Townsend, Donna Kroll, Susan Reed, Carla Hansen, Coach Mrs. Hanson, LuAnn Witlock, April Ackman, Kalli Breitkreutz, Teresa Rix, Vicki Luce and Sheri Hochhalter.

"B" Back Row: Karla Pharis, Lu Ann Witlock, Coach Mrs. Locken, Susan Reed, Teresa Rix. Second Row: Cheryl Pullan, Julie Bonn, Ivy Pullan. Front Row: Tammy Boynton, Val Wahl, Judy Kammerer, Carol Chell.

Below: Sherri Hochhalter and Carla Hansen put on a press in their defensive play. At Right are student managers Pauline Luce and Nancy Cutler.

Girl's Scoreboard

28	Bristol	43
38	Sisseton	73
19	Webster	36
30	Conde	32
27	Clark	33
24	Leola	26
31	Doland	34
28	Redfield	31
17	Roncalli	42
23	Warner	32
36	Britton	67
22	Ipswich	44
15	Millbank	28
22	Roncalli	27
26	Britton	46
26	Aberdeen Central	52

Lee Krege, Chuck Westby, Mike Stoeckmann, Rick Herther, Larry Weismantel, Mike Kuske, Rich Zimney, Curtis Mitchell, Jim Marske, Chuck Dresbach, Loren Cutler, Ken Dean, Coach Tim DeWitt.

Tom Waage, Torre Raap, Lee Krege, Elmer Nash, Mike Stoeckmann, Larry Weismantel, Coach Loren Locken, Karl Alberts, Tim Collins, Jim Dorfschmidt, Brad Hansen, Terry Kruse, Steve Sombke.

Geese, Deer, and Tennies . . .

November is a month of much excitement. The geese are flying at Sand Lake, deer season is about to begin, and the added anticipation of the holiday season adds to the occasion. Through all this excitement can be heard the familiar squeak of tennies on the gym floor, the bouncing of balls, and the commanding voices of Tim DeWitt, Loren Locken, and Doug Peterson leading their Cagers through the seasons opening drills. Momentum climbed for the first ball game of the season, and the Groton Cagers proved to be a team to be regarded. Jim Marske, captain of the varsity team, led the Tigers to a respectable season, capping off the season with a victory over the defending State A Champs, Roncalli.

With only four seniors on the team, the eight remaining lettermen are hoping for bigger and better results. Who knows, maybe State B Champs next year?!?

Top Left: Student Manager, Steve Luce; Statisticians, Nancy Cutler and Danny Dorfschmidt.

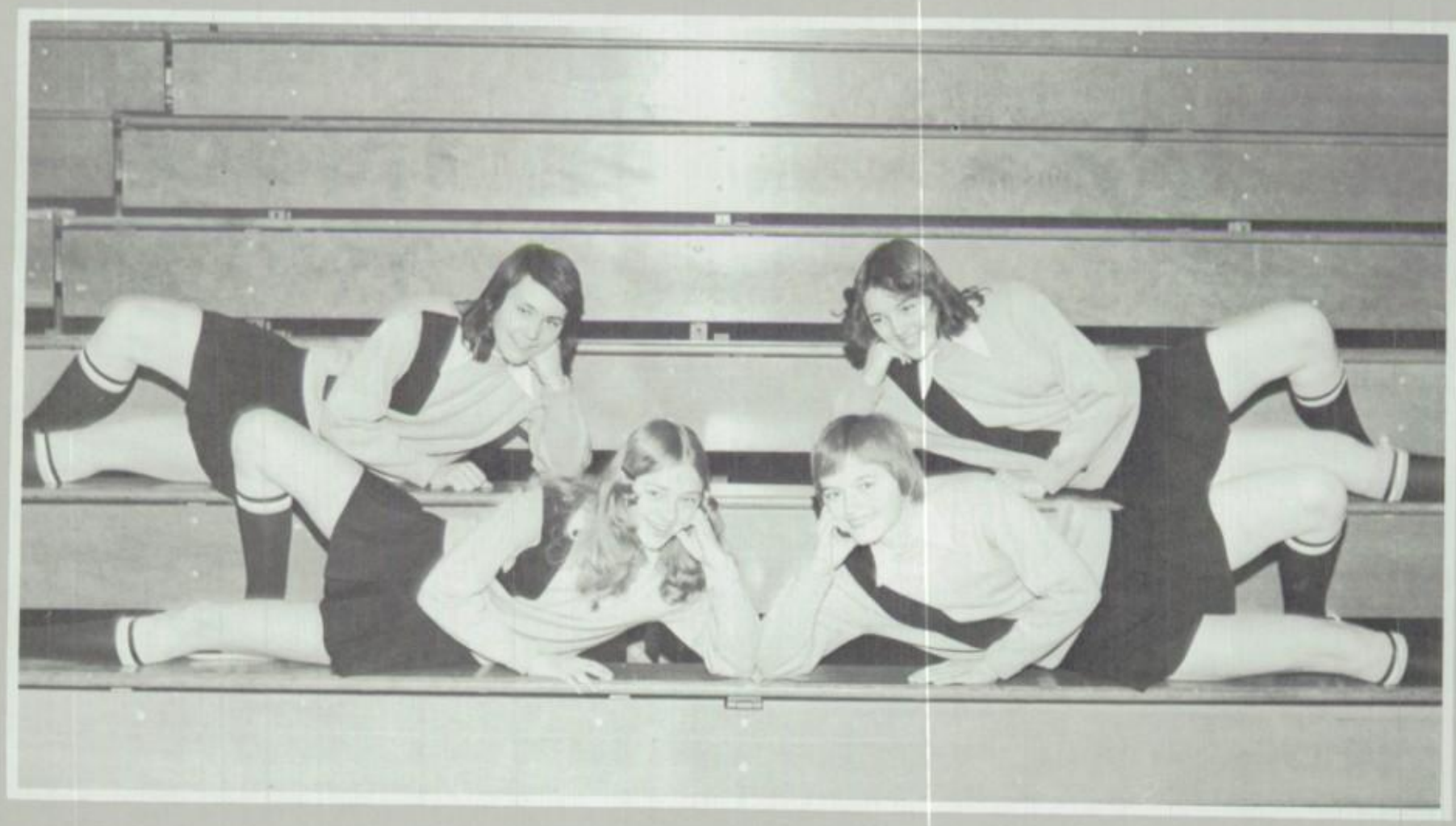
"A" Basketball Cheerleaders. Back: Frankye Gravatt, Denise Roettele. Front: Joy Schuring, Karma Anderson, and Barb Fransen.

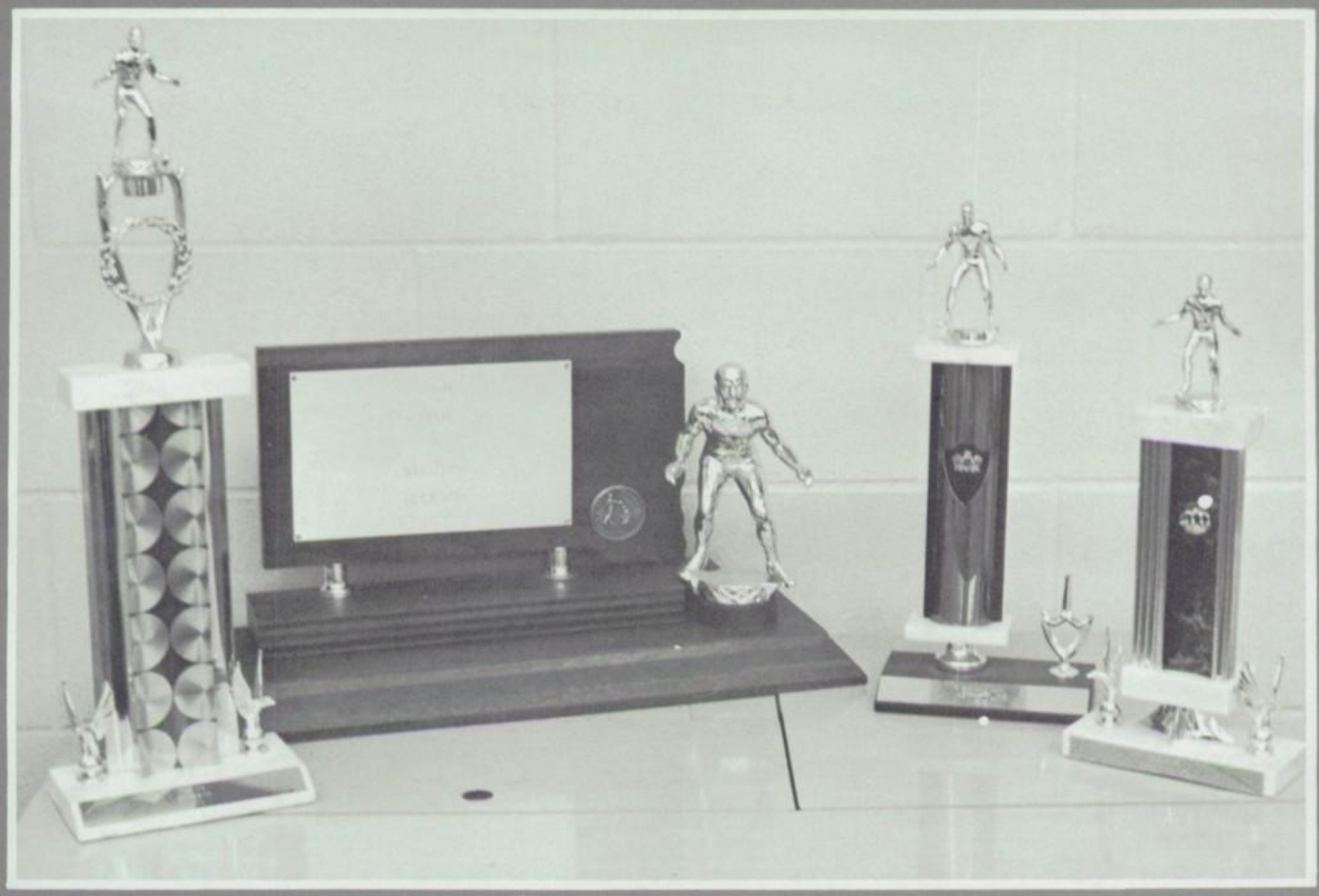
Basketball Scoreboard

WE		THEY
60	Redfield	57
48	Ipswich	59
65	Britton	73
81	Milbank	73
55	Webster	56
66	Clark	56
59	Sisseton	55
65	Redfield	67
64	Faulkton	53
58	Roncalli	67
62	Langford	52
40	Britton	51
62	Northwestern	59
68	Milbank	66
65	Eureka	49
56	Webster	57
61	Leola	64
39	Clark	48
73	Sisseton	54
62	Roncalli	53
	DISTRICT III	
52	Bristol	28
60	Webster	67
74	Roslyn	30

Jim Marske jumps to score two points for Groton.

"B" Basketball Cheerleaders. Back: Mary Merkel and Linda Snyder. Front: Sherry Schaller and Sheri Hochhalter.





State B Champions

Wrestlers who qualified for state were: Allen Johnson, David Doeringsfeld, Marc Johnson, Curt Solaas and Randy Locke.

What is better than being State B Champions in Wrestling? I suppose being State B Champs in everything else, but never-the-less, the grapplers earned the esteemed honor of giving Groton High its first state title in the history of the school.

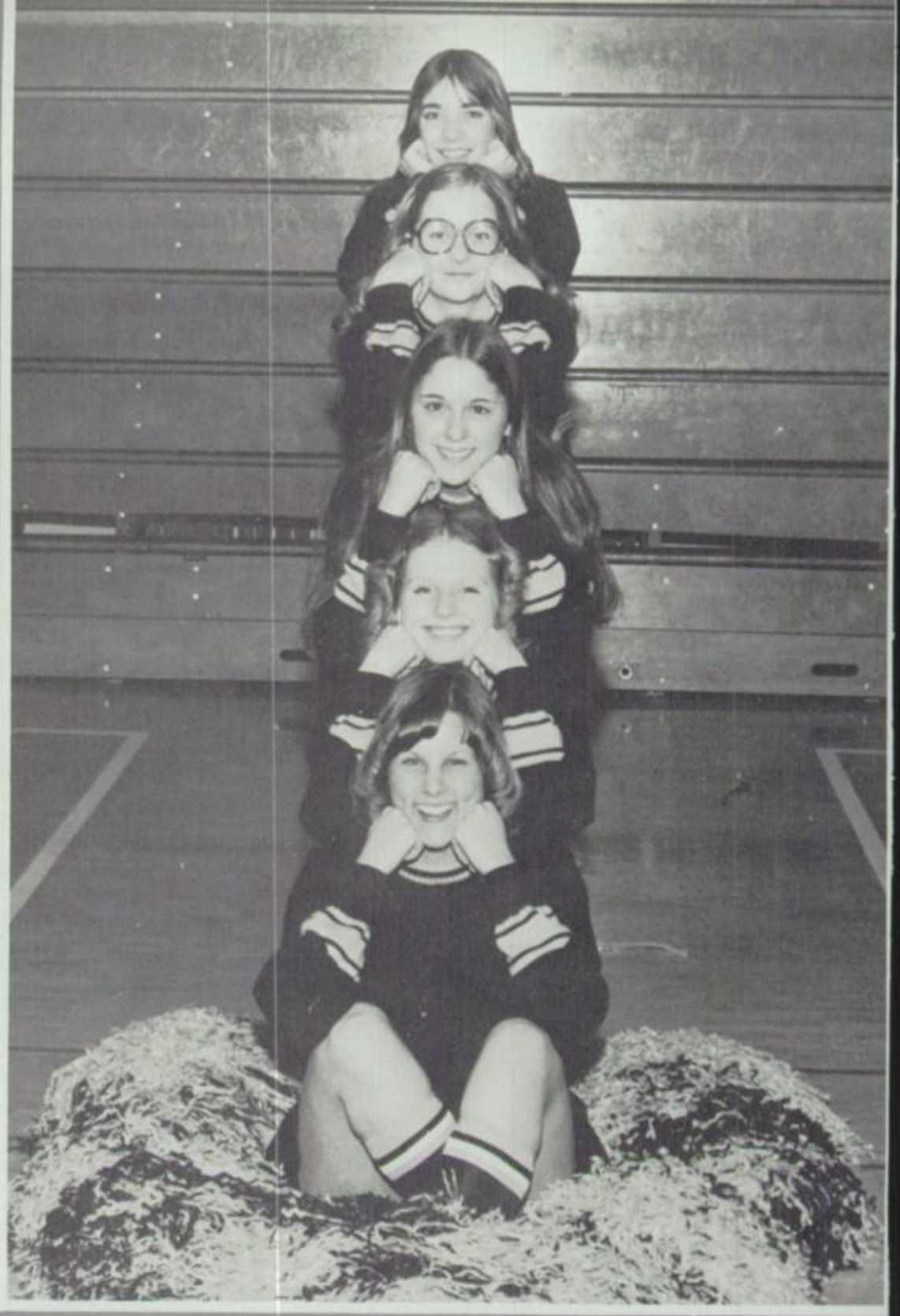
Having an enormous amount of talent in their young team, coaches Dick Donovan and Dennis German guided nearly three dozen boys through the season, with five making the State Tournament. Randy Locke and Marc Johnson were the State Champs, Curt Solaas was third, and Dave Doeringsfeld fourth. Allen Johnson didn't place in the tournament, but was chosen the most improved wrestler. Marc Johnson was named the most valuable wrestler.

Looking ahead to next season, the team is young with a lot of underclassmen earning letters, and who knows???

Wrestling Scoreboard

WE		THEY
37	Ipswich	27
49	Leola	10
28	Webster	32
36	Clark	15
23	Sisseton	31
18	Redfield	36
42	Faulkton	15
27	Roncalli	19
14	Northwestern	42
36	Britton	24
21	Milbank	28

	PLACE
Mobridge Tournament	2nd
N. E. C.	5th
Doland Invitational	2nd
District	2nd
Regional	2nd
State	1st



"A" Wrestling Cheerleaders; At Top: Connie Morehouse, Ann Johnson, Kim Pharis, Janene Bohling and Sharon Fliehs.

Standing: Randy Bonn, Toby Erickson, Allen Johnson, Rick Koehler, Greg Fransen, Curt Solaas, Howard Gengerke, Joe Taylor, Marc Johnson, David Doeringsfeld, Kip Pharis, Randy Locke, Mr. Donovan. Kneeling: Roger Sperry, Jeff Wahl, Don Cassels and Tim Albrecht.

Standing: Robbie Padfield, Randy Tewksbury, David Dohman, Rich Kuske, Mark Yeske, Rick Rossow, Arden Dohman, Todd Pharis, Cliff Evans, Terry Thorsen, Doug Sombke, Mr. German. Kneeling: Bobby Pigors, Darwin Kampa, John Howard, Marc Hanson, Roger Craig, Don Bonn and Brian Wheelock.

"B" Wrestling Cheerleaders; Bottom: Brenda James and Becky Oliver. Top: Kathy Sieh and Vicki Doeringsfeld.

Back Row: M. Nehls, B. Neumann, R. Kuske, M. Yeske, K. Pharis, S. Schuring. Fourth Row: R. Schelle, T. Collins, M. Stoeckmann, D. Cassels, J. Dorfschmidt, D. Chell, C. Sundberg. Third Row: R. Olsen, E. Nash, L. Krege, C. Westby, K. Alberts, R. Mettler, D. Vitense. Second Row: C. Evans, A. Johnson, D. Doeringsfeld, R. Koehler, L. Weismantel, C. Dresbach, J. Ganje. Front Row: K. Larsen, C. Mitchell, D. Cutler, D. Dorfschmidt, M. Johnson, M. Kuske, and R. Zimney.

Dan Dorfschmidt Wins Class A High Jump

Coach Bob Dubs and his assistants had more than their hands full this spring getting their young team fine tuned for competition. Because track is composed of nearly 20 different categories every boy who joins, usually participates in more than one event.

Clear Lake edged Groton 65-63 to take the team championship in the Region 1 A track and field meet. The Tigers qualified 10 boys for the State Meet, with Dan Dorfschmidt winning the Class A high jump, and Marc Johnson taking 5th place in the shot put.

The team toiled through sleet, snow, wind and rain, but never let it be said that these boys did not accomplish a sense of determination and pride for their team.

At Right: Marc Johnson has complete concentration on the discus as he prepares for his throw.

Karl Alberts takes long strides on his way to the finish line.

Arden Dohman proves his agility by running the hurdles.

Dan Dorfschmidt displays the form which won him the State Class A High Jump Championship at Spearfish.

Flowers and Rain Inspire Girls

Flowers and spring rains captivate a group of hearty, courageous females who compose the Girls' Track team. The 1976 team was coached by Mrs. Jackie Hanson who introduced the categories of running, jumping, and throwing to her girls.

The girls team took fourth in the regional meet and qualified six girls for the State Meet. The two-mile relay carried the record time throughout the year.

At Right: Tami Boynton keeps the pace.

Back Row: A. Ackman, K. Pharis, J. Bonn, M. Jones, M. Sippel, J. Belden, V. Dulski, F. Prunty, J. Locke. Fourth Row: P. Dixon, T. Cutler, D. Odland, D. Donovan, R. Sternhagen, R. Stanley, K. Breitkreutz, B. Luce. Third Row: S. Hochhalter, S. Reed, D. Kroll, V. Luce, G. Dulski, P. Luce, J. Clark, N. Cutler, L. Huffman. Second Row: P. Huffman, V. Doeringsfeld, B. James, T. Boynton, B. James, S. Sixon, J. Bohling, J. Cutler. Front Row: C. McKiver, S. Schaller, N. Kruse, T. Hachhalter, S. Ackman, D. Nehls.

Above: Pam Huffman works hard to take first place.

At Left: Tami Cutler and September Ackman concentrate on the hand off.

Top Row: Commie Craig, Teresa Taylor, Violet Nash, Denice Abeln. Third Row: Jeri Howard, Tracy Nilson, Sheila Solaas, Vicki Harry. Second Row: Vicki Luce, Mrs. Hanson, Deb Donovan, Susan Simundson, Beth Thompson, September Ackman, Bonnie Luce. Front Row: April Ackman, Tammy Boynton, Danette Taylor and Pam Huffman.

Six Qualified for State

Gymnastics is like any other sport. To enjoy it one must understand it, relate to the athletics, and become emotionally involved. Many more people realize this as they supported a young gymnastics team this year.

Speaking to any gymnast you will only become excited and convinced that the sport is one of the best for women. The balance beam is strictly a feminine piece of equipment. It develops the skill of a tightrope walker, the grace of a ballerina, and the agility of an acrobat. Probably the most creative of all the gymnastics events is the floor exercise. To the girls of G.H.S. who are imaginative, the floor exercise is for them. For those girls who are most determined, the uneven bars would surely challenge them. Vaulting is a different "breed of cat". Here a gymnast chooses any vault and performs it.

For Groton we are a second year veteran in the novice of "B" team division. This team was made up of Cindy Pfitzer, Sheila Solaas, September Ackman, Beth Thompson, Susan Simundson, Deb Donovan, and Pam Gengerke. Almost all of these girls received many honors at our meets this year and are looking forward to the next.

Our varsity team competed with optional routines for the first time this season. Each gymnast made up her own routine under the proper guidelines. Members include: Pam Huffman, Danette Taylor, Jeri Howard, Vicki Harry, Tracy Nilsson, April Ackman, Violet Nash, Tammy Boynton, Teresa Taylor, Connie Craig, Cathi Anderson, and Denice Abeln.

Groton competed in seven meets this season. They won three of these meets and won many places in the rest. As a whole it was a very successful season.

We had six girls qualify for state. April Ackman on the balance beam, Vicki Harry and Danette Taylor on the uneven bars, Tracy Nilsson and Jeri Howard on the vault, and Teresa Taylor as our All-Around gymnast. Teresa placed 2nd on the balance beam, 5th on the floor exercise, and 2nd All-Around Gymnast. She was voted the most outstanding gymnast of the State Meet along with Crystal Weems of Doland. The team members voted Connie Craig as Most Improved and Teresa Taylor as Most Outstanding.

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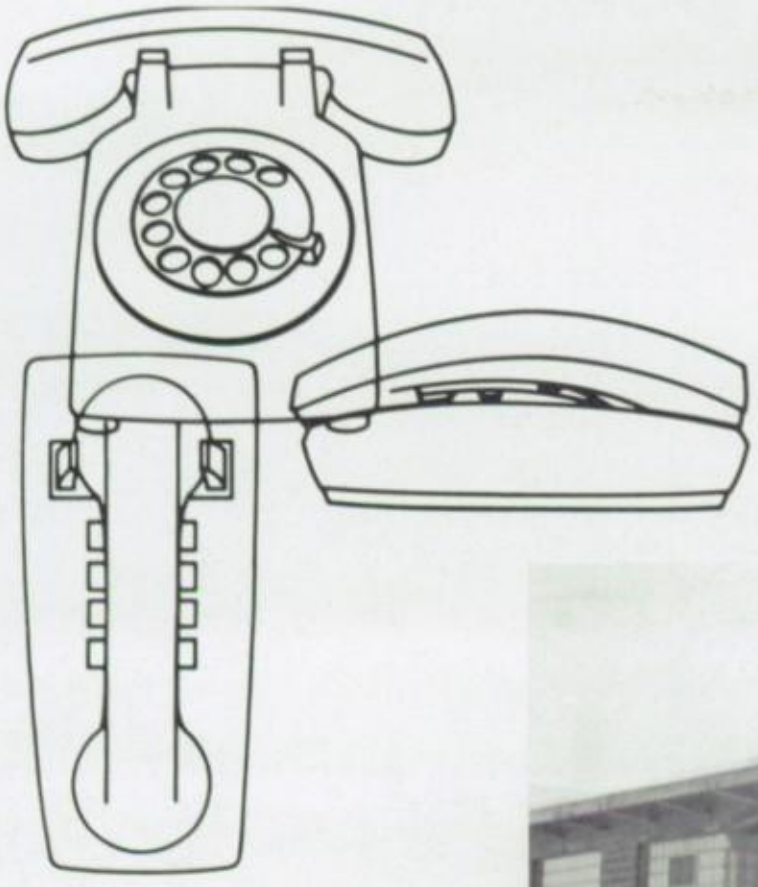

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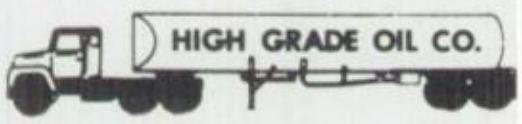

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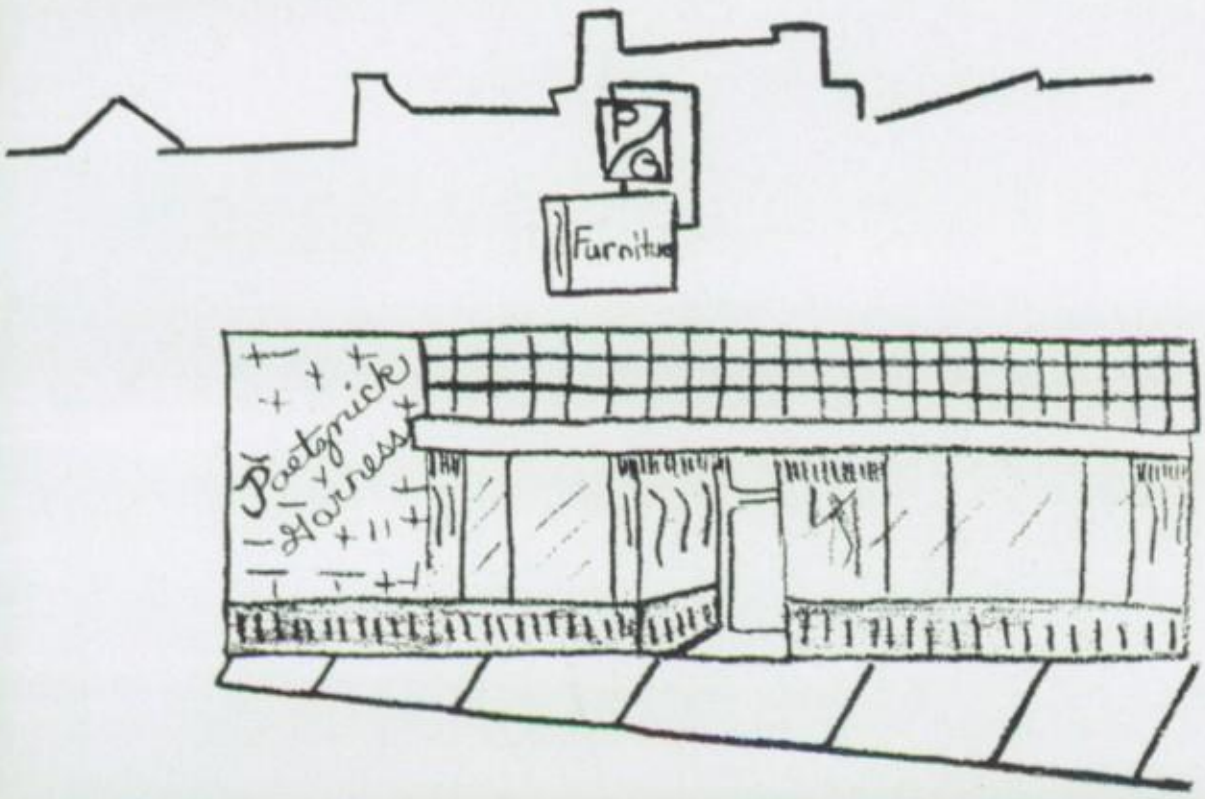

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